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READY NOW FOR WAR

Japanese Fleet In Line Waiting For Instructions.

IN TOUCH WITH BRITISH SQUADRON.

Probability That the Cabinet Crisis In Japan Will Result In the Formation of a Coalition Ministry With a Vigorous Foreign Policy.

LONDON, Dec. 29—A special dispatch from Shanghai says:

"It is reported that a Japanese fleet of over 20 warships is waiting near Goto island, outside Nagasaki, fully equipped for war and only awaiting instructions. This includes the Yashima and the Fuji, two of the finest vessels in the Japanese navy, and the Chen Yuen, that was captured from China. The Japanese fleet, it is understood, is acting in close touch with the British squadron under Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Buller, commander in chief on the China station.

"Japan will certainly oppose a permanent Russian occupation of Port Arthur. The sudden dissolution of the Japanese diet was owing to the war spirit. It is expected that the Japanese fleet will attempt to prevent the landing of re-enforcements from Odessa for the protection of the Russian transasiatic railway in Manchuria."

Another dispatch from Shanghai says the British fleet has anchored at Port Hamilton. It is reported at Che Foo that the Japanese fleet has also arrived at Port Hamilton

A dispatch to The Times from Kobe, Japan, says the dissolution of the diet has greatly angered the political parties. It is probable that the Marquis Ito, former premier, and Count Okuma, a former foreign minister, will form a coalition ministry, with a vigorous foreign policy. The military party is eager for action. Extraordinary activity prevails at the military and naval depots, and warships are assembling at Nagasaki.

According to a letter which The Times publishes this morning from a correspondent at Tokio, a cabinet crisis occurred in November, due to the refusal of the Progressists to vote an increase in the land tax, which is necessary owing to the deficits caused by the late war. Parliament would have expired next June, and the Progressists, with a general election in sight, did not desire to risk unpopularity by voting to increase taxation.

Count Okuma, however, the leader of the Progressists, left the foreign office, says the correspondent, with an enhanced reputation and next to Marquis Ito occupies the largest space in the field of the nation's vision.

The Times, commenting editorially on this letter and its dispatches, says: "The advent of a cabinet led by two statesmen as Marquis Ito and Okuma may be regarded as an event of great significance by the other

The correspondet of The Morning ... says:

"It has long been negotiating to ... these loan of £6,000,000 in ... pay the indemnity and secure evacuation of Wei Hai Wei. The negotiations were broken off owing to France insisting that the Bank of France should issue the loan and Russia desiring that the Russo-Chinese bank should take the lead. A certain coolness now exists between France and Russia."

Record Day In the Patent Office.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Three hundred and seventy-five applications for patents were received at the patent office, the highest on record for any one day in the history of the office. The fact that the new law requiring persons who have made applications abroad for patents to file their applications in this country within seven months of the filing of the applications for foreign patents becomes operative on Jan. 1 is accountable for the rush. Heretofore applications could be filed at any time within the life of a patent issued in foreign countries.

Welcome the British Flag.

LAGOS, West Coast of Africa, Dec. 29.—Ilesha and Benchara, important Baribe towns, have been occupied by the Lagos Hausas. The inhabitants are enthusiastic over the presence of the British flag, as they feared an attack from French native troops, who are endeavoring to force themselves on the Baribe country and are devastating it.

The Alaska Boundary.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—It is said in official circles that the meeting between the British and American authorities for finally determining the boundary of Alaska will be held this winter. The meridian line is practically agreed upon, and the main point of dispute will be as to the strip running along the Pacific coast contiguous to British Columbia.

Died From Aconite Poisoning.

ONEONTA, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Jerome Fish, aged 53 years, a farmer, residing three miles from Maryland, this county, is dead from the effects of aconite, which he had taken, thinking it some harmless remedy. Fish had a mania for dosing and kept a veritable drug store on the pantry shelves. He leaves a widow and three children.

Judge Reed's Sudden Death.

DENVER, Dec. 29.—Judge Gilbert B. Reed died suddenly of neuralgia of the heart. He was born in Steuben county, N. Y., in 1828 and was a graduate of the University of Michigan. He served as a member of the miners' court before the territory was organized and was recently a member of the court of appeals.

Proposed Prince George For Governor.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Constantinople correspondent of The Times says that at the last meeting of the embassadors of the powers the Russian representative created surprise by proposing Prince George of Greece as governor of Crete. The proposal was coldly received.

Durrant Loses Again.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The supreme court, after having heard the matter argued in chambers, denied the application of the attorneys for W. H. T. Durrant, the condemned murderer of Blanche Lamont, for a writ of probable cause.

FITZ WILL FIGHT.

Ready Once More to Defend His Title to the World's Championship.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Martin Julian, on behalf of Robert Fitzsimmons, has issued the following signed statement:

"Fitzsimmons will defend his right to the title of champion. Mrs. Fitzsimmons has released him from his promise of retirement."

Referring to the conditions on which Fitzsimmons will fight Corbett and McCoy, Julian's statement says:

"These conditions are as follows: Let Corbett beat a man like Maher or Choynski and establish his right as a member of Bob's class. Let McCoy beat his way up to a commanding position and come along with his challenge afterward. But first McCoy must fight a fit, opponent at the middleweight limit and not at catch weights."

The statement concludes:

"I am not going to allow Mr. Fitzsimmons to accept offers from inferior men. When the proper time comes, Fitzsimmons will meet them all one after the other in the same ring, if need be."

Sentenced, but Still Free.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—An indication of the willingness of the Turkish government to oblige the United States minister at Constantinople, who has been pressing for the punishment of the murderers of the American bicyclist Lenz, is contained in a cablegram from Minister Angell received at the state department announcing that the murderers have been convicted and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment. These murderers, however, are at large, having escaped months ago into the Russian Caucasus, so that the Turkish government has prosecuted, condemned and sentenced them in their absence.

Sachse Acquitted of Murder.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 29.—The jury in the case of Herman Sachse, charged with murder in the first degree in the alleged shooting of Bertrand L. Hotchkiss at his home in Killingworth on Friday evening, Aug. 27, returned a verdict of not guilty late yesterday afternoon. The jury had been out exactly three hours. As they filed into their seats slowly each one of the 12 men was visibly nervous. Particularly was this true of W. R. McDonald, the foreman, who uttered "not guilty" almost inaudibly in response to the question of Clerk of the Court Vinal if they had reached a verdict.

Geologists Elect Officers.

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—The annual meeting of the Geological Society of America was held here, and the following officers were elected: President, John J. Stevenson, New York; first vice president, B. K. Emerson, Amherst, Mass.; second vice president, George M. Dawson, Ottawa; secretary, H. L. Fairchild, Rochester; treasurer, J. C. White, Morgantown, W. Va.; editor, J. T. Brown, Washington; librarian, H. P. Cushing, Cleveland; councilors, W. M. Davis, New York; Robert Bell, Ottawa, and M. E. Wadsworth, Houghton, Mich.

No Strike at Fall River.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 29.—The conference committee of the mill operatives was in session last night to decide upon the course of action to be taken in the proposed wage reduction. The manufacturers have refused the proposition to postpone the reduction in wages until March and also rejected a proposition to make the reduction 5½ per cent and to hold a conference in March. The operatives must accept the reduction of 11 1-9 per cent. which takes effect on next Monday, or strike. It was decided not to strike at present.

Dr. Bond In Court.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 29.—Dr. Elijah A. Bond, who is charged with murder in the second degree in causing the death of Grace Dearborn of Everett, Mass., by a criminal abortion, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Dow. The defense introduced no testimony, and Judge Dow found probable cause, and bound the accused over to the next term of the superior court.

Civil Service Examination.

ALBANY, Dec. 29.—The state civil service commission announces that it will hold an examination for merit for the position of examiner in the examination department of the University of the State of New York on Jan. 26, 27 and 28. Candidates will be examined in English, German, French, Latin and Greek languages and literature.

One Lad Killed, Another Injured.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 29.—Peter Pluter, aged 5, was instantly killed on the railroad at Steelton, and his playmate, Henry Teupemaski, aged 9, was fatally injured. They were playing on the Pennsylvania railroad track while a freight train was passing and did not hear the approach of the Niagara express, which struck them.

Piano Maker Dead.

NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Henry Barmore, founder a few years ago of the firm of Barmore & Co., piano manufacturers, of New York city, died in Nyack, in his seventy-ninth year. For years he was a large stockholder in the Knickerbocker Ice company of New York. His father, Nathaniel Barmore, started the first ice business in New York. His mother, Mrs. Effie Barmore, died at the age of 103 years.

Centenarian to Dance a Reel.

SOUTHOLD, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Nicholas McQuillan will be 100 years old on Jan. 1, and in honor of the event residents of this and neighboring villages will gather at the residence of Joseph Thompson, his nephew, to do honor to the occasion. Mr. McQuillan will dance a reel with his sister, who is 91 years old.

Another Son to Castellane.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Paris says that the young Countess Castellane, nee Gould, yesterday gave birth to a boy, her second son.

ALGER IS INDISPOSED

So the Conference For Miners' Relief Was Not Held.

LIST OF GOODS THAT WILL BE SENT.

Bacon, Flour, Pearmeal, Onions, Tea, Salt and Pepper the Indispensable Articles—Dried Fruit, Potatoes and Coffee Rank Next.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The expected conference between Secretary Alger and Mr. Sifton, the Canadian minister, did not take place yesterday. Secretary Alger had overtaxed his strength and found that he was not sufficiently recovered from his illness to undertake the work of arranging details of the relief expeditions. The Canadian visitors are to remain in Washington for a few days, however, so that the conference is simply postponed for a short time.

Captain Brainard has been authorized to issue the advertisements for the supplies that are to be carried on the relief expeditions. They probably will appear in newspapers in Chicago, Seattle, Portland and San Francisco. The list of articles to be carried has been arranged with the greatest care by the quartermaster's department after consultation with Surgeon General Sternberg, only the most vitally necessary food articles, which combine resistance to cold and decay, with great nutritive value, being selected. The list is as follows:

List No. 1 includes absolutely indispensable articles and is made up of bacon, flour, pearmeal, desiccated onions, tea, salt and pepper. These things are to go if anything is taken. It will be noticed that in food value onions are set ahead of potatoes and that tea is taken instead of coffee. Both potatoes and coffee are provided for in list No. 2, which is made up of articles that are to be carried in addition to those in the first list if there is accommodation for them. This list is dried fruits (apples, prunes or raisins), desiccated potatoes and coffee. If the transportation facilities are equal to a still further load,



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then the articles in list No. 3 will be added, as follows: Fresh meat in cans, sugar and tobacco.

From the advices of the Canadians, it is likely that Skagguay will be chosen instead of Dyea as the terminal port of the relief expeditions. The reason for this choice is said to be the fact that Skageuay has wharves at which the ships can discharge cargo directly, while at Dyea there is nothing but lighters to land the goods.

Mr. Sifton said last night that he hoped to conclude his visit within the next two days, and that there was no doubt the two governments could make arrangements which would be mutually beneficial in extending relief to the Klondikers. The minister's attention was called to reports that Canada might not be willing to co-operate in the use of the military arrangement of the government, as provided by the bill which recently became a law.

He said, however, that he apprehended no difficulty in that direction, as the only purpose of the two governments was to effect the relief in the most feasible way possible. There appears to be no desire on the part of the Canadian officials to interpose any technical obstacles to the execution of the relief measures, and for this reason it is expected a satisfactory arrangement will be reached within the next two days.

Say Relief Is Not Needed.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29. — The steamer Alki has arrived here, bringing advices from Dawson City up to Nov. 25. The Alki's passengers included 36 persons who left Dawson between Nov. 22 and Nov. 25. All without exception say there will be no starvation at Dawson this winter or next spring. When informed of the action being taken by the United States government to send out a relief expedition, they said it was unnecessary and uncalled for. Several thousand men have gone from Dawson to Fort Yukon, where there is an unlimited supply of provisions. Those remaining in Dawson have three regular meals each day and have enough supplies in sight to last well along into spring. No sickness is reported at Dawson, and everybody there is in much better circumstances and worrying less over the food situation than their friends on the outside imagine.

The Ketcham Will Case.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The legal fight between Mrs. Minnie Wallace Walkup Ketcham and the relatives of the late John D. Ketcham, her husband, over the well known clubman's estate, began in the probate court yesterday.

Exposition Company Chartered.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—The Philadelphia Exposition company was chartered yesterday to conduct a national exhibition of American manufactures in this city in October, 1898.

DR. EVANS' WILL.

Is In Such Bad Form That Doubts Are Raised as to Its Legality.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Mr. Rudolph Evans, the only surviving brother of the late Dr. Thomas W. Evans, the famous American dentist who died in Paris on Nov. 14, has arrived here with his wife and son.

It is learned from a reliable source that the original will of Dr. Evans, drawn up by Mr. Arthur E. Vahey of New York, the attorney of the deceased, was so badly copied by Dr. Evans, who also amended it and added several codicils, that it is very doubtful if it is legal.

It also appears that Dr. Evans made two wills, one for the United States and another for France, which was shown to by the translator, who demands 35,000 francs for the translation, and, having found differences in the two wills, he refuses to deliver them until both are probated here. The United States consul, however, insists that the wills be handed to him for verification. This adds to the complications.

Mr. Rudolph Evans, who, if his brother died intestate, is entitled to half the fortune of the deceased, which, after all, only amounts to exactly $1,000,000, only received $100,000. Therefore he is determined to fight the will.

LEITER WANTS GOOD WHEAT.

Will Not Accept Any Grain Not Up to Contract.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Joseph Leiter has apparently won a victory in his fight with George A. Seaverns, the grain elevator owner, as to the quality of wheat to be delivered on Leiter's contracts.

Leiter's commission men, Alexander Geddes & Co., sent the steamer Iron King last week to Seaverns' elevator, the Alton, to load with No. 2 red winter wheat. By the time 8,000 bushels of the steamer's cargo of 75,000 bushels had been spouted into its hold Leiter's private inspectors turned the wheat down. They declared it not up to contract.

Mr. Seaverns now offers to take the wheat out of the vessel and to give a different grade.

Leiter and his commission men say the big fight of the great wheat deal is now on and that they intend to get just the kind of wheat they bought and no poorer.

Dean Corby Dead.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 29.—The Very Rev. William Corby of Notre Dame, head of the Order of the Holy Cross in America, is dead. He was the chaplain of the famous Irish brigade. His death took place at Notre Dame university. The funeral will be held Friday morning in the chapel of the university, of which he was formerly president. Father Corby was one of seven chaplains who left their classes in the university for the Union army. He was a comrade of the recently organized G. A. R. post 569, composed of the priests and brothers at Notre Dame.

Negro Murderer Run to Cover.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—A crowd of man and boys chased a negro murderer through the business section of Kansas City, running him to cover in a pile of dry goods boxes. The negro, James Reed, fired four bullets into the body of Susie Blakely, of whom he was jealous, killing her instantly. Reed's father was hanged here six years ago for the murder of his wife.

Funakoshi Hastens Home.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Among the passengers on the Orient bound steamer Doric, which left yesterday, was M. Funakoshi, Japanese vice consul at this port. Recently it was announced that he was about to leave for Washington to accept the secretaryship of the legation. Just as he was preparing to leave for Washington he received a cablegram recalling him to Tokio, with instructions to hasten his return.

Elizabeth Woolworth Dead.

OMAHA, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Elizabeth Stanton Woolworth, wife of Hon. J. M. Woolworth, ex-president of the American Bar association, died at her home in this city. Mrs. Woolworth was the daughter of Moses Bradford Butterfield and a lineal descendant of William Bradford, the first governor of Plymouth colony. She was born at Homer, N. Y., in 1826.

Department Store Burned.

SARATOGA, Dec. 29.—Supervisor Webb S. Pearse's big country department store at Maltaville, Saratoga county, and William Sisson's country residence adjoining, were destroyed by fire. The loss is put at $10,000, covered by insurance.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The mercury was 6 degrees below zero at Saratoga.

Six lives were lost by the fall of rigging on the ship Vanlos, off the Bermudas.

Attachments aggregating $50,000 were filed against the Overman Wheel company of Chicopee Falls, which has just failed.

Harry English, a prisoner in the jail at Ysleta, Tex., set the structure on fire in an attempt to escape and was burned to death.

William H. Griffith, arrested in Leadville on a New York indictment, says it is an attempt to collect in a civil suit by criminal process.

Italians in the vicinity of Little Falls, N. Y., who are striking for 15 cents an hour, prevented about 50 Americans and Italians from working on the canal.

The German government has requested the transfer of United States Consul E. Z. Brodowski from Breslau to Fuerth, and of C. W. Erdman from Fuerth to Breslau.

A joint meeting of miners and operators of western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois has been called for Jan. 17 at Chicago to formulate a scale of prices.

COOKE THE FIREBUG

Man Who Set Fire to the Tontine House Captured.

HAS MADE ADMISSION OF HIS GUILT.

Declares That He Started the Blaze in the New Haven Hotel Because of a Long Standing Grudge Against Mine Host White.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 29.—The man who several days ago fired the Tontine Hotel in this city, thus imperiling the lives of scores of persons, was caught yesterday in Boston and was brought here last night. He says he is Fred Cooke of this city and has confessed his guilt. The fire in the hotel was discovered before it had done much damage and was speedily extinguished.

Cooke is a steeple climber and painter who recently worked in Hadson. He was seen the night of the fire coming from the room in which the blaze had been started. He fled, and since then the police of this city and detectives in New York and Boston have been searching for him.

George T. White, the proprietor of the Tontine hotel, sent his porter, whose name is Burton, to Boston to aid in the search. Burton was the only person about the hotel who could give an accurate description of the incendiary.

Burton met Detective Dennehy and Inspector Tyler of Boston at police headquarters in that city, and with them set out on a tour of resorts along the wharves in search of the firebug. As they were walking along Atlantic street Burton whispered to the officers, "There is the fellow now," and pointed to a man not ten feet away.

The detectives approached and took the man by the arms, informing him that he was under arrest. Without resistance he entered a carriage with the officers, and the party was driven to police headquarters. When questioned there he admitted that he was the man wanted and that he had tried to burn the hotel. He agreed to accompany Detective Dennehy to New Haven without requisition papers.

The prisoner said he was Fred Cooke of New Haven and that his last boarding place here was in Mulberry street. He is married and has a son, but for several years has not lived with or supported his wife.

Upon their arrival in this city Detective Dennehy and his prisoner were driven to the Central station, where they were closeted with Superintendent Wrinn, Corporation Counsel Ely, City Attorney Brown and Detective Captain Cowles. The officials afterward refused to say anything of what took place.

Burton says Cooke admitted setting the blaze, but denied that he was paid to do so. He said he had cherished a grudge against Mr. White for five years, declaring the latter had wronged him. To a friend in this city he said 24 hours after the fire that some one was furnishing him with all the funds he needed.

The police found in his possession a cheap revolver and $1.14. He was dressed like a laboring man. He is an Englishman, 43 years old.

Deputation to Visit China.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—At a meeting of the prudential committee of the American board of commissioners of foreign missions it was voted to send a deputation to China, consisting of the Rev. Judson Smith, D. D., secretary of the foreign department; Colonel Charles Hawkins and Mr. Samuel H. Shapleigh of Allston. The visit is made in response to urgent and repeated invitations from the north China, the Foo Chow and the Shansi missions, who have asked for it. They wish the executive officials to know their work and its surroundings as they themselves know it, by actual contact and observation. The visit is to be made during the earlier months of the year, from January to the summer months.

Murderer Daly Confesses.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 29.—William Daly was arraigned in court yesterday on the charge of murdering William Doolan. He pleaded guilty and was held without bail for the grand jury. Before arraignment he made a full confession to City Marshal Worcester of his part in the affair. He said that after a scuffle between the two men he (Daly) procured a slaughtering knife. There was another dispute, and in a clinch he plunged the knife into Doolan's heart. He then dropped the knife and does not know what became of it. It is thought that Daly is slightly demented.

Potters' Wages Increased.

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., Dec. 29.—The proprietors of the Mayor Bros.' pottery at this place have announced to their 250 operators that the wage cut of 1894 of 12½ per cent had been restored to them, thus making an advance of 14½ per cent on their present wages, to date from Christmas day.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed: Pennsylvania—Media Run, Myrtle L. Barr. New Jersey—Hamilton Square, S. M. Robbins. New York—Bouckville, Fred A. Parker; Mottville, Mrs. Mary Evans; Reed Corners, Fred H. Harris.

Ratcliffe to Serve Time.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Edward J. Ratcliffe, the hero of the matinee girls, was sentenced to six months in the penitentiary at Blackwell's Island by Judge Newburger. He had been convicted of assault in the third degree on complaint of his wife, Alice de Lacy Ratcliffe.

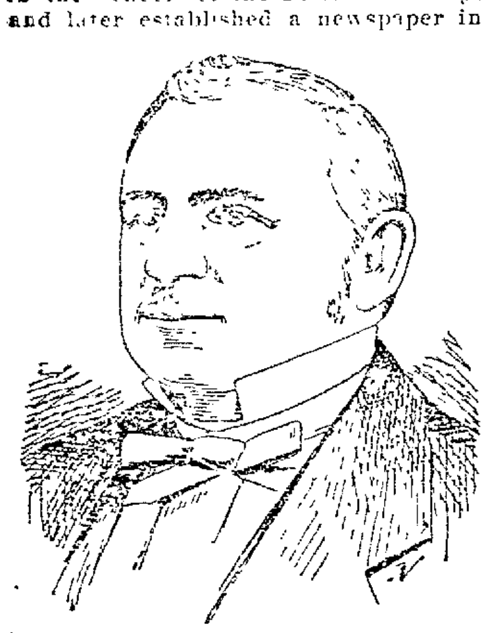
Suicide In House of Correction.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 29.—James Dalton hanged himself to his cell door in the East Cambridge house of correction. Dalton was serving a three years' sentence for burglary. He was 30 years old.

EDWARD M. PAXSON.

Talked of as Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Edward M Paxson, mentioned as the successor of Col William R Morrison for chairman of the interstate commerce commission, was until lately the chief justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. He was born in Bucks county 73 years ago, and his family lived in Buckingham, Eng, in ante-revolutionary days. The American branch of the family came to this country about 1682 as a part of the colony of Friends founded by Penn. The parents of Judge Paxson were Thomas and Ann Paxson. He received his education in the schools of the Friends' society, and later established a newspaper in



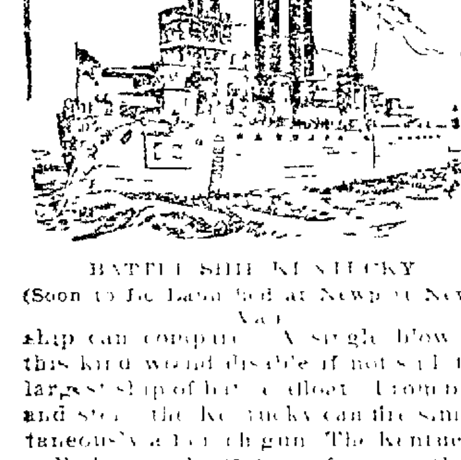
EDWARD M. PAXSON
(Mentioned for Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission)

his native county. He learned the art of printing, and founded the Newton Journal at Newton, Bucks county conducting and editing it with considerable success. In 1847 he sold the Journal, and, going to Philadelphia, founded the Daily News. This paper was also sold after it was a year old, and young Paxson turned his attention to the study of law. His studies were conducted under Henry Chapman, of Doylestown, and ended on April 24, 1850, with his admission to the bar. After a few years of practice at Doylestown he removed to Philadelphia, and in a few years acquired for himself a large and lucrative practice. In 1869 he was selected by Gov. Geary to fill the vacancy on the bench of the Philadelphia court of common pleas, occasioned by the appointment of Judge F. Carroll Brewster to the post of attorney-general of the state. At the close of the term he received the unanimous nomination for the office, and a few years later his party conferred a still greater honor upon him. In 1874 he received the nomination for justice of the supreme court of the state of Pennsylvania, and was elected, the election being the first held under the new constitution of the state. In 1879 he became by seniority chief justice of the state. In 1893 he resigned his high judicial office to accept that of receiver of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad company.

BATTLE SHIP KENTUCKY.

Will Be the Most Powerful Craft in the American Navy.

The new United States battleship Kentucky, now fast nearing completion in the shipyards at Newport News, will be the most powerful war boat in the navy. The date of its launching has not been decided upon, but when Miss Christine Bradley of Kentucky, breaks the bottle of champagne on the Kentucky's forehead there will be no more destructive piece of machinery afloat than the new American ship. The Kentucky is one of four sister ships, all of which will soon be finished. The Kentucky bears on her forward and after deck a double turret. Each of these turrets carries two 13-inch guns. No European power has placed on the deck of a warship any gun more than 12 inches. Thus can the Kentucky strike a blow with which the power of no other war-



BATTLE SHIP KENTUCKY
(Soon to be Launched at Newport News Va.)

ship can compare. A single blow of this kind would disable if not sink the largest ship of battle afloat. From bow and stern the Kentucky can fire simultaneously a 13-inch gun. The Kentucky will draw only 25 feet of water, three feet less than the lightest boats now on the sea. She will be able to sail into all the harbors and can be docked with less difficulty than the three other boats now building. The "waist-line" consists of 14 five-inch quick firing guns and the second batteries will be composed of 20 six pounder rapid firing, six one pounder and four machine guns. Two military tops mounting guns complete the ship's armament. Its ... is far heavier than that of any ship of the Kentucky's displacement in the world. No warship can deliver more metal at a broadside than can the Kentucky, and none will have the relative ... of fire. The feature of the Kentucky is the form of her turrets which is quite new. There is a large saving in weight, which gives the boat more room for heavy armament and more powerful machinery for propulsion. She will carry 1,210 tons of coal, which will enable her to steam 6,000 miles at the rate of ten knots an hour.

JOHN WILLIAM GRIGGS.

He Will Succeed Judge McKenna as Attorney General.

It has been officially announced that Gov. John W Griggs, of New Jersey, has accepted the office of attorney-general of the United States, which will be vacated by the nomination of Attorney-General McKenna to be associate justice of the United States supreme court.

John William Griggs was born in Newton, Sussex county, N. J., on July 10, 1849, and was graduated from Lafayette college in 1868. After leaving college he became a student in the law office of Robert Hamilton, in Newton, and, in 1871, removed to Paterson, where he resumed the study of law in the office of Socrates Tuttle. He was



JOHN WILLIAM GRIGGS.
(The Coming Attorney General of the United States)

admitted to the bar in 1871. Four years later he was elected to the house of assembly, but on the following year he was defeated. For several years he devoted himself to building up his private practice. In 1882 he was elected state senator, being reelected in 1884, and again two years later. In the senate of 1886 he was elected to the presidency.

In the summer of 1892 President Harrison gave serious consideration to Mr. Griggs' name in connection with a vacancy on the United States supreme bench caused by the death of Justice Joseph P Bradley, but the appointment went to another. In 1895 Mr Griggs was elected governor over Alexander T. McGill, by a plurality of over 26 900 votes, being the first republican governor elected in New Jersey in 25 years.

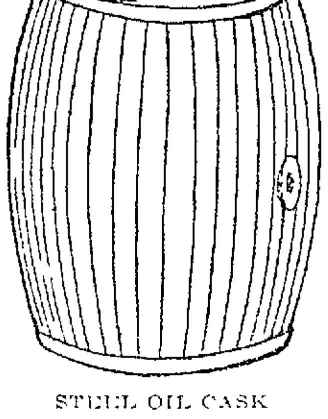
Gov Griggs is identified with several business institutions of Paterson, being president of the Paterson national bank and also of the Paterson Safe Deposit company. He is married, and has six children, four daughters and two sons, one of whom is a student in Lafayette college.

Gov Griggs will not resign as chief executive of New Jersey until January 11 next, when the legislature meets.

BETTER THAN WOOD.

Great Casks Are Supplanting the Ordinary Wooden Barrel.

A steel cask is being extensively advertised in England, as a substitute for ordinary wooden barrels for shipping petroleum, medicinal extracts, essential oils and chemicals. It is said that the Standard Oil company's German branch has extensively adopted this novel cask. Plain terne-coated steel sheets are employed in its construction, these being first passed through a corrugating machine, which forms parallel corrugations from end to end and considerably stiffen and strengthen the cask when completed. In order to obtain the necessary curvature to the cask it is passed through a second machine, which forms the bilge by taking the corrugations of different dimensions; in other words, it opens out the corrugations in the middle and presses those at the top and bottom together. A number of hydraulic presses are used to cut



STEEL OIL CASK
(Used for Export Trade in Place of Wood Barrels)

out the circular ends and to form in them at the same time a raised section, which assists in stiffening the ends. The parts are then put together, the side seam being closed by means of a specially made machine that produces a perfectly secure joint, but solder is employed to render all portions quite tight.

The advantages claimed for this cask are great durability, strength and exceptionally small repairs. The first cost is greater than that of a wooden barrel, but the extreme length of life, and freedom from loss of contents by breakage, leakage, etc. more than compensate for this. There is no loss by absorption as in the case with wood.

Handy Umbrella Tent

A convenient umbrella tent has a central table firmly attached to a stand and supporting a large umbrella to which the side walls of the tent are secured by cords or straps. A heavy-weight ring, to keep the sides down, is made in sections, for convenience of carriage, and the whole affair is easily transported and adjusted.

Queer Canine Advertisement.

A wide awake dealer in dogs advertised "Whippets and lockers" of all kinds in a temperance Maine town and had a large list of customers ... day.

Doctor and Cook Agree

The following opinions of high authorities on hygiene and cooking, express the views of all members of the medical and culinary professions.

"Cottonseed oil has a direct dietetic value; it aids both digestion and assimilation.....Cottolene, a thoroughly wholesome combination of fresh beef suet and pure cottonseed oil is eminently worthy to supersede lard for culinary use."
J. Hobart Egbert, A. M., M. D., Ph.D.
Editor Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette

"Vegetable oils (such as cottonseed oil) are growing fast in favor with educated housewives and intelligent cooks.....
The desirable substitute (Cottolene) is purer, more healthful and economical than lard, which it has supplanted."
Marion Harland.
The famous lecturer and cooking teacher.



COTTOLENE

links appetizing food, good health and economy.

Genuine Cottolene is sold everywhere in one to ten pound yellow tins, with our trade-marks—"Cottolene" and steer's head in cotton plant wreath—on every tin. Not guaranteed if sold in any other way.

Made only by THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY,
CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS, NEW YORK, MONTREAL.

THE
H-O Co.'s
Dairy Feed
FOR SALE BY
WOOD & HORTON.
TELEPHONE 202.
112 Genung St., N. Y. S. & W. R. R.

TOMPKINS' NEW DRY GOODS STORE,
Nos 6-8 East Main Street, Middletown.
From Now Until Christmas Day, Grand Sale of Toys and Holiday Gifts for All.

Our store in its Holiday Dress is like a glimpse of Fairyland. Magnificent display and tempting novelties attract the eye of the visitor. Holiday gifts are grouped in rich assortments all over the place, with immense assortments of stock, extra salespeople, everything to make holiday shopping with us a comfort as well as an economy, has been done. We point with pride to our splendid selections of goods suitable for Holiday Gifts for young and old, and to the alluring low prices at which we are able to sell them.

DOLLS.

A Beauty Show—
Our Doll Exhibit is incomparably superior to any expectation you may have formed from what you see elsewhere.

Dressed Dolls and Dolls to Dress
of all nativities and complexions. No description can do them justice. All should come and see them. Note these prices much lower than elsewhere. Here are a few price hints

500 China Dolls Each 3c.
12c China Dolls each 7c. 25c Dressed Dolls each 18c, 50c Kid Body Dolls, bisque head and flowing hair, each 35c; 50c Dressed Dolls each 35c., $1 Dressed Dolls and Kid Body Dolls each 75c.

One Thing
We want to say here. While we have a reasonably large quantity of everything advertised here, we not guarantee every lot to last until Christmas. The early comer will find everything advertised here

TOYS.

The Most Substantial Toys for Children
are those made of Malleable Iron. At Tompkins you will buy them much lower than elsewhere—Toy Scales 10 and 19c, worth 15 to 25c Tin Stoves, with furniture 5 and 10c worth 10 and 15c. Tin Kitchen, with furniture, 10 and 18c Iron Wagon and Horse, value 39c, at 25c. Fire Engine Horse and Driver value 35c, at 19c. Big Iron State Banks 25 and 45c. Iron Ranges 25 and 45c. A few very large ones $1 50. Big Iron Wagons 19c. Iron Passenger Trains, 50c size, 5c. Iron Surrey, with horse 25c. Iron Coal Carts, with driver, 19c. Iron Coal Carts 10c. Big Hook and Ladder or Fire Engine, with horses and fireman a regular $1 50 toy, at 85c

Other Toys.
Doll Cradles large ones, 10, 15, 25c. Black boards 25, 35c, with changeable figures 75c. Tool Chests 35, 50c and higher. Wooden Hay Carts with handles, 10c. Boys Coasting Sleighs 10 and 25c. Toy Wheelbarrows 10c. Doll Swings 15c. Nine Pins, per set, 19, 35, 65c. Babies' Rattles, Boys' Tops Trumpets Childs' Sets, consisting of knife, fork and spoon, 10 and 15c a set. Shoo Fly Baby's Rocking Horses, the kind that cannot fall over, 75c. Card Games of all kinds 5 and 10c. China Tea Sets, nicely decorated and put up in strong box, 25c. Drums, the flat, tall, wood or brass, all prices. Toy Pianos in every style.

How Beautiful the Store Looks in Its Holiday Attire.
Every section trimmed up to look its prettiest. Everywhere you chance to glance something new. A stroll through the store will prove an hour's enjoyable entertainment

A Great Handkerchief Sale
It was said of a great physician, by one of his patients. "He always attends to my case as if he had only one case to think of." We aim to sell Handkerchiefs as if we sold nothing else, and we don't know of another handkerchief store in Middletown like this one. In holiday time Handkerchiefs pervade the whole store at prices astonishing low.

At 3c Each.
200 dozen colored border, hem stitched Handkerchiefs

At 5c Each.
Embroidered plain hem stitched and lace edge Handkerchiefs.

At 10c Each.
Fine plain white hem stitched beautiful Swiss embroidered and men's or ladies' initial Handkerchiefs.

At 12½c Each.
Ladies' elegant fine Swiss embroidered, men's imitation silk, initialed Handkerchiefs

At 15c Each.
Ladies' fine initialed hem stitched Handkerchiefs. Ladies' silk, hem stitched Handkerchiefs, ladies fine Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs.

At 25c Each.
Ladies' very fine embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 35c

At 49c Each,
Ladies' all linen beautiful embroidered Handkerchiefs, men's silk initialed Handkerchiefs, beautiful goods and worth 75c each

Christmas Gloves
You've heard of the old lady who knit mittens and said she lost on every pair. How could she do it? Couldn't, she said, only that she sold so many. That's not far from true with our Christmas Gloves

Child's Kid Mittens,
Nicely lined for tops, 50c a pair

Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves
or Mittens, lined, for tops, $1 a pair

Ladies' Fine Silk Mittens
$1 00

Holiday Umbrellas.
A most suitable Christmas present. Nowhere can you buy them at these prices. Umbrellas with fancy Congo, Wexel Celluloid and Dresden handles $1 50, $1 98, $2 50 and $3 98 each

Silks and Dress Goods.
A standard holiday gift for ladies. The one thing that you cannot make a mistake on for there isn't a woman in the land who would not appreciate a handsome new dress. Tompkins' Silk and Dress Goods Department is resplendent with beautiful goods, and the prices throughout are very much lower than goods of equal excellence can be bought elsewhere.

Ladies' Fine Jackets.
It is usual to wait until after the holidays to mark down prices of Jackets. Every jacket we have must be sold this season so we have made after-season prices right now. If you need a jacket yourself or think of making a Christmas present of one you will get it at Tompkins' at the usual after holiday price now. This extraordinary lot of jackets consists in part of the following fine goods.

Double Breasted Fly Front Coats
of rich curly Boucle fastened high at neck, roll ing storm collar tailor back half lined with silk serge. Ladies' fine imported black Kersey Cloth Jackets, all satin lined, strapped seams, fly or high buttoned fronts, new style storm collar, all sizes 32 to 44

Misses' Reefer Jackets
Several styles nicely made with wide sailor collars

Holiday Books.
One lot Cloth Bound Books many different titles, at 10c each. ANOTHER LOT CLOTH BOUND BOOKS, 25c elsewhere, at Tompkins' 15c each

Cups and Saucers.
We made a lucky purchase of a lot of Cups and Saucers, all fine goods nicely decorated. Monday we start to sell these goods at half regular price. Worth 20c at 10c, worth 30c at 15c, worth 50c at 25c. Fine Gilt Plates 10c each

Table Covers and Curtains.
A Table Cover is like your hat, or nose or front door, it is the prominent feature that dominates the surroundings. These make useful Christmas presents

Chenille Table Covers
75, 98c and $1 25 each

Fine Damask Linen Table Covers
Figured, $1, $1 50 and $1 75, according to size

Chenille Portiere Curtains
$1 98 and $2 98 per pair

Blankets
Continuation sale of the largest and most attractive Blanket stock in this city. Entire stock direct from the mills, no intermediate costs or profits. We start at 35 a pair for a fair article this lot is slightly imperfect, then 75c, and offer at 98c a blanket that has positively not been equalled for less than $1 25. $2 Blanket for $1 50 $2 50 Blanket for $1 98. $3 Blanket at $2 25, $3 75 Blanket at $2 98, 6¼ Blanket, strictly all wool warp and filling, finished both sides $3 98 a pair

Fine California Wool Blankets
$4 98, $6 50 and $7 75 a pair

REMEMBER THE LOCATION,
Nos. 6-8 EAST MAIN STREET.

Beware of Imitations

LEA & PERRINS' The Original & Genuine Worcestershire SAUCE

JOHN DUNCAN'S SONS, AGENTS, NEW YORK.

GET YOUR KINDLING WOOD
AT
The Steam Carpet Cleaning and Feather Renovating Works,
CORNER FULTON ST AND SPRAGUE AVE
E. H GREGORY.
Telephone Call No. 129.

INSURANCE
in old, strong companies against both fire and
LOSS OF RENT
resulting from fire.
A.B.WILBUR

This Week at Economy Store.

Will offer many opportunities for money saving. You want to return the unexpected X mas gift with a suitable New Year's present. All holiday stock is marked at greatly reduced prices for this week. As to regular stock, we shall this week place on sale new goods in

Hardware, Tinware, Stationery, Notions

at lower prices than you have ever known. Watch this space for prices and money savers.

ECONOMY STORE,
118 North St., Middletown

Department of Public Instruction.

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS FOR 1898.

OTISVILLE, N. Y., November 1, 1897

Examinations under the uniform system for 1898 will begin on the days named below and continue for two days except those for training class certificates which will continue for three days

FIRST GRADE.

March 10th and 11th, at Goshen
August 11th and 12th at Middletown

TRAINING CLASSES

January 19th, 20th and 21st at Port Jervis
June 8th, 9th and 10th at Port Jervis

SECOND AND THIRD GRADES

January 13th and 14th, at Port Jervis
March 10th and 11th at Goshen.
May 27th and 28th, at Otisville
August 11th and 12th at Middletown
September 23d and 24th, at Warwick.

KINDERGARTEN.

January 19th and 20th, at Port Jervis
June 8th and 9th, at Port Jervis.

DRAWING

March 10th and 11th, at Goshen
August 11th and 12th, at Middletown.

NORMAL ENTRANCE

Second Thursday of January, 13th, at Port Jervis
Fourth Friday of May, 27th, at Otisville.
Second Thursday of August, 11th, at Middletown

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Examinations will be held from 9.15 a. m. to 12.30 m. and from 1.30 p. m. to 5 p. m.

No bags, books nor pamphlets will be allowed in the room where the examination is held, and all paper to be used by candidates will be furnished by the Commissioner. Any one detected in copying, using notes, or in any way trying to obtain a certificate dishonestly, will be prohibited from attending future examinations.

Candidates residing in the Second Commissioner District of Orange county wishing to take the uniform examination in another county, must first obtain the written consent of the Commissioner of this district

Extracts from State Regulations—Experience—Candidates must have taught successfully for a period of not less than ten weeks, and are not eligible to enter an examination without having had such experience, except for third grade.

A COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION for State Scholarships in Cornell University will be held at the Public School, Goshen, upon Saturday, June 4th, 1898, commencing at 9 o'clock.

WILLIAM P. KAUFMANN, School Commissioner 2d District, Orange county.

MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, beginning Nov. 28, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos 601, 625, 606, 617, 620 and run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train Nos. 1 & 5 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Arden. "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch.

GOING EAST.

Nos	James St Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 12 Chicago Ex.	4 19 a.m.	
* 10 New York Special	6 0" "	
26 Middletown Way	6 30 "	6.32 a.m
18 Orange Co Ex., G M.	7.10 "	7.12 "
28 Mountain Ex., T.	8 23 "	8.25 "
38 Del. Val. Ex. (M.P.G.)	10 45 "	
* 6 W. Mail, (G. exc'pt Su)	12 56 p.m.	12 57 p.m
30 Way, A. M. P. G.	4.10 "	4.12 "
* 2 C. & G. T. Ex. "A"	5.00 "	
* 8 C. & St L. Limited	5 55 "	
22 P J. Local T.	7.26 "	7,28
* 14 Wells Fargo Express	10 40 "	
606 P J Local (Sun only) M. P. and G T	8 23 a. m.	
620 P J. Local (Su only) "G"	5 06 p m.	
18 Milk (Sunday only)	6 55 p. m.	

GOING WEST

Nos.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 17 Milk	6.47 a.m.	
21 Port Jervis Way	10 36 "	10.23 a.m
* 1 Day Express	†10 56 "	
9 Corning Express	11 25 "	
11 Port Jervis Local	1.01 p m.	1.01 p.m
33 Port Jervis Exp	3 40 "	3.37 "
†* 5 C. & St. L. Exp	4. 6 "	
27 Mountain Exp	5 42 "	5.38 "
15 Orange Co Exp	6 46 "	6.41 "
25 Middletown Way ar.	8 05 "	8.06 "
* 7 C & G T Exp	9 34 "	
29 Way	9 13 "	
* 3 Chicago Exp	11 12 "	
601 Sunday Local	10 25 a. m.	
625 P. J. Way (Sun only)	3 05 p m	
617 " " "	10 29 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *4.00, 7 45, 9 15, 10 30 a. m.; 1.00, 3 30, 4 30, 5 30, 6.30, *7.30, *8.45 p. m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45, a. m. 12.30 and 7.30 p. m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
101	Pine Bush Mail	11 25 a.m.	11.40 a.m
*113	" " "		6 55 p.m
601	Sun only	11 00	11.10 a. m

COMING SOUTH

*128 Arrive from Pine Bush .... 8.16 a.m
*130 " " " " .... 5.40 pm

N. Y., O. & W. R. R.

NORTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot, Middletown as follows

No. 9	First Milk	7.45 a m
No. 11	Second Milk	8.44 a m
No. 1	Ontario Express	10.55 a m
No. 7	Sullivan County Express	6.15 p m
No. 5	Pacific Express	6 46 p m
No. 21	Local	11.00 a m

SOUTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot for New York as follows:

No. 8	Mountain Express	8.10 a m
No. 22	Local	2.50 p m
No. 2	New York Express	4.50 p m
No. 12	First Milk	4.20 p m
No 10	Second Milk	7.35 p m
No. 6	Atlantic Express	6.45 p m

Trains leave New York at 8.10 and 7.40 a. m., 1.00 and 6.00 p. m.

J. C ANDERSON, Pass. Agt.

A. M AMBLER.

Free Courtesy to Our Customers

We take great pleasure in showing our complete stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry Opera Glasses, etc, in the latest designs and patterns of the most reliable manufacture. Also we have something that will please the eye and pocketbook in the line of Silver Novelties, Toilet Sets, Cut Glass Jars, Gold Pens Pocketbooks and hundreds of articles which we can show you better than tell about.

Repairing and Engraving in all its branches, and fully guaranteed.

A. M. AMBLER,
JEWELER AND ENGRAVER,
50 North St, Next to Press Office

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

State and County Tax.

Notice is hereby given as required by statute, to the taxable inhabitants of the city of Middletown, N. Y., that the undersigned Collector of Taxes, in and for said city, has received the warrant for the collection of State and County Taxes for the current year and will attend at the City Clerk's office Room No 2, Times Building corner of King and Center streets on each working day of the week (Saturday afternoons and holidays excepted), for thirty days from Dec 17th, 1897, until Jan 22d, 1898, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving payment of said taxes

E M HAMILTON, Collector
Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec 16th, 1897.
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FOR SALE.

The property of B. F Todd, 64 East avenue. Dwelling contains 13 rooms, with all modern improvements, including steam heat. Good barn and carriage house. Large yard and abundance of fruit. Easy terms.

GARDNER & McWILLIAMS,
25 North St., Lipfeld Building

FOR SALE!

Very desirable House and Lot on Linden Terrace, fine property on Orchard street, choice Building Lots on Bennett Hill. Other well located properties.

CASE & TAY...
Real Estate and Insura...
No. 15 North St., Mi...

What is More ...
Than a pretty face with ... complexion? For it, ...

GRATIFYING RESULTS.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS WITH THE NEW STOMACH REMEDY.

Not a Patent Medicine, But a Safe Cure for all Forms of Indigestion.

The results of recent investigation have established, beyond question, the great value of the new preparation for indigestion and stomach troubles; it is composed of the digestive acids, pepsin, bismuth, Golden Seal and similar stomachics, prepared in the form of 20 grain lozenges, pleasant to the taste, convenient to carry when traveling, harmless to the most delicate stomach, and probably the safest, most effectual cure yet discovered for indigestion, sour stomach, loss of appetite and flesh, nausea, sick headaches palpitation of heart and the many symptoms arising from imperfect digestion of food. They cure because they cause the food to be promptly and thoroughly digested before it has time to sour, ferment and poison the blood and nervous system.

Over six thousand people in the state of Michigan alone in 1894 were cured of stomach troubles by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Full sized packages may be found at all druggists at 50 cents., or sent by mail on receipt of price from Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich. Send for free book on stomach diseases.

Casino Theatre

New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31.

GEO. LEA'S SECOND ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL!

Will Take Place on the Above Night.

This ball will eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in Orange county.

$100 IN PRESENTS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. READ THEM.

To the Lady Wearing the Finest Costume, a Handsome Dress Pattern. To be seen in the store window of Geo B Adams & Co., North street.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Elaborate Costume, a Celebrated Necktie Box. To be seen in the window of Tuthill's Pharmacy, on James St.

To the Lady Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, a Pair of Newport Patent Leather Slippers To be seen in A. Stuart's shoe store, 11 North St.

To the Best Lady Waltzer, a Lady's Hat To be seen in L. Sarle's window, on North street.

To the Homeliest Lady, a Parlor Lamp To be seen in the window of Crawford's furniture store, on North street.

To the Prettiest Girl, a Bottle of Perfumery To be seen in the window of McMonagle & Rogers, on North street.

To the Youngest Widow, an Elegant Tea Gown To be seen in Max Katzmeier's window, Franklin Square.

To the Thinnest Man, an Immense Cake. To be seen in Isaman & Son's Bakery, on James street.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, an Easy Chair. To be seen in the window of France & Hathaway's furniture store, on East Main street.

To the Best Gentleman Waltzer, a Pair of Handsome Slippers. To be seen in the window of Frank W. Vanscoick's shoe store, 55 North St.

To the Homeliest Man, a Box of Cigars. To be seen in the window of Hills' Cigar Store, on North street.

To the Person Selling the Most Tickets before the night of the ball, a Ten Dollar Gold Piece To be seen in H. S. Dusenberry & Son's window on North street.

All the above presents can be seen in the different store windows advertised until 8 p. m. of the night of December 31st.

A SPECIAL ORCHESTRA, with the newest music has been engaged for the occasion, including some of the members of the WEST POINT BAND. Admission Prices

Gents' Tickets 50c. Ladies' Tickets 25c. Spectators in the Balcony 25c.

Notice—Tickets purchased at this time in advance before 8 o'clock, Thursday night, Dec. 30th, will be entitled to a Ladies' Ticket Free. Advance tickets now on sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's jewelry store

Casino Theatre

Tuesday Ev'ng, Jan 4th.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN'S

Big Comedy and Vaudeville Co.

THE MUSICAL FARCE,

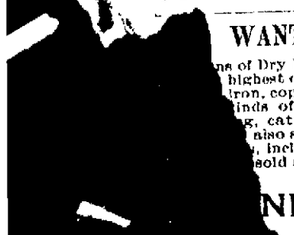
A Trip Across the Ocean!

WITH

John L. Sullivan,

introducing his entire company of

30 VAUDEVILLE STARS



WANTED AT ONCE.

...ns of Dry Bones, in large or small lots, ... highest cash price. Old iron, cast and ... iron, copper, brass, zinc, lead, tin foil, ...kinds of old metal, all kinds of furs, ...g, cat and rabbit skins, rubber and ... also second-hand machinery, boilers ..., including shafting, pulleys, piping ... sold at 126 Fulton street.

...NRY MEYER.

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ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

A little youngster, who is in town from southern California and who had never seen snow, was looking out of the window, the other day, while the flakes were falling and called out to his mother:

"Mamma, look at the white rain."

The police force of New York city is made up of men of various "previous conditions of servitude" as the following will show. A witty Irish acting roundsman, who is really only a patrolman, was drilling seventeen recent appointments and a *Journal* reporter heard him say:

"Roiley, why do yez take yer feet so far off th' ground whin yez walk? Yer not climbin' ladders now. Dooley, ye must get yer hair cut to fit ye whin on dhress parade. Phat's th' mather wid ye, Dugan? Have ye th' lifts? Keep yer legs together, Ryan. Wan would imagine ye was born sittin' on a barrel th' way ye pedestrinate. Don't howld yer club like a hod, Rugen. Why don't yez resoign from the union an' thin ye'll forgit th' ould days. Put yer heels on th' ground first whin ye walk. Stand straight, McIntyre. Remimber yer not pushin' a plow any more. Keep yer hands down, Flaherty. Phat d'ye think yer doin', pickin' grapes? Hoop!"

Frank Finn is limping around on crutches, synovitis, the result of an injury in a practice game of foot ball, having made his right leg virtually useless. He has no difficulty in getting about on one leg, however, though he admits to the other college boys that he missed for foot ball games and three dances in consequence. Frank's athletic training comes in good play, now, for when he wishes to enter a carriage he vaults in as he would go over a horizontal bar waist high, landing in the wagon on his left foot and carefully avoiding hitting the crippled leg upon wheel or wagon body.

Hoik B. Campbell says he has lost faith in good luck signs and omens. One day, last week, while bi sson was seeking his fortune on his runaway trip to Scranton, he was talking with an ARGUS reporter, who spied a dime in the street and picked it up, remarking: "I'll keep that for luck." Whereupon Mr. Campbell pulled thirty-five cents out of his pocket and said:

"I found that the other day and put it away for luck. The next day a horse shoe that a horse had dropped came rolling to my feet on Broadway and I picked it up, too, for luck. And the worst kind of luck they've brought me. When I went to New York, Monday morning, I found that my place of business had been burned up, involving a loss of $40,000 to its owner and a heavy indirect loss to me. When I got home that night I found that my son had run away. It that thirty-five cents and that horse shoe bring that kind of luck any one can have them who wants them."

But the missing boy was found and came home willingly, having apparently had enough of his runaway experience, and so perhaps by this time Mr. Campbell's faith in the proverbial luck of the horse shoe has got over the wrench it received last week.

Old Probabilities has made very sorry guesses at the weather for the past few days. He predicted snow for Monday night and again for last night. Monday night was overcast, but no snow fell, and last night was without a cloud, the stars blinking brightly from a sky as clear and cold and darkly blue as ever spanned a snow clad earth.

Cold Enough to Make Ice.

Thermometers in this city stood at from 6 to 9 above zero, this morning. Much lower temperatures were reported from places near this city, while from Sullivan county points come reports of below zero weather. Certainly the temperature is low enough, here and elsewhere, to allay all anxiety concerning the ice crop.

Robbed of 2,000 Bait Fish.

A Mount Hope man had 2,000 bait fish in a watering trough in his barn yard which he was expecting to sell to through-the-ice fishermen or give to his friends. A few nights ago some one stole them all. At current prices the fish were worth at least $15.

Holiday Train service on the Erie.

On Christmas and New Year's the Erie announce their trains will be run on holiday schedule as follows: Train 15 and 16, (Orange County,) will run as usual in both directions, and train 38 east at 10:18 will run as usual as will No. 9 west at 11.25 a. m. All other trains will run on Sunday schedule except no train east at 8:23 a. m.

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Don't bolt your food, it irritates your stomach. Choose digestible food and chew it. Indigestion is a dangerous sickness. Proper care prevents it. Shaker Digestive Cordial cures it. That is the long and short of indigestion. Now the question is: Have you got indigestion? Yes, if you have pain or discomfort after eating, headache, dizziness, nausea, offensive breath, heartburn, langour, weakness, fever, jaundice, flatulence, loss of appetite, irritability, constipation, etc. Yes, you have digestion. To cure it, take Shaker Digestive Cordial. The medicinal herbs and plants of which Shaker Digestive Cordial is composed, help to digest the food in your stomach: help to strengthen your stomach. When your stomach is strong, care will keep it so. Shaker Digestive Cordial is for sale dy druggists, price 10 cents to $1.00 per bottle.

Headache bad? Get Miles' Pain Pills.

PUBLIC VOICE.

A Stalwart Republican's Opinion of Our Republican Rulers.

EDITOR ARGUS:—At a meeting of the Common Council, Monday evening, the assertion was made "that not a single walk in the city was clean." On behalf of myself and some of my neighbors I want to enter my protest to such statement. On Wisner avenue the walks of Mrs. Drake, Frank Stratton and Wm. D. Stratton are clean. I myself have 507 feet of seven foot walk and I am sure that it is so clean that a lady could walk on it with her slippers and not get them soiled or damp.

Gentlemen of the Common Council come over and investigate and see if our assessments ought not to be raised a little for so doing.

At all events, I am sure that those of us who are so unfortunate as to hold bills against the city should have such bills cut a little in the interest of the town of Wawayanda or else how can you pose as "economists," or on the other hand, as "philanthropists," in sustaining home industries?

LEWIS B. WISNER.

Three Suits in Which Heavy Damages Are Asked.

Three personal damage suits, in which $65,000 are asked are set down for trial at the January term of the Supreme Court in Goshen. Mrs. Bridget Fitzpatrick wants $15,000 from Newburgh for falling through a coal hole in a sidewalk: Mrs. Ellen Bell wants $25,000 from the Newburgh Electric Light Co., for the death of her husband who was killed while at work in the lighting station and George C. Hudson, who had a foot crushed by an Erie train at Monroe village crossing, seeks to recover $25,000 from the company.

Port Jervis Railroad Y. M. C. A.

The Railroad Y. M. C. A. of Port Jervis, which recently withdrew from the town association, has opened very well appointed rooms on Front street, near the Erie station. All the arrangements of the building are made with special reference to the needs of railroad men. The Erie Company heats the building and contributes $40 a month toward current expenses.

PINE BUSH.

Zero Weather—A Removal—Singing School—Christmas Entertainment.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—The thermometer registered zero in this place, to-day.

—L. C. Warner, the Erie agent, has removed to the house just completed by J. Morrison.

—Singing school in the basement of the M. E. Church, to-night.

—The Christmas tree entertainment in the M. E. Church, Tuesday night, drew a large audience, even the aisles being filled. The tree was a large one and held presents for every member of the school. A programme was pleasingly rendered, which included dialogues, tableaux and singing. Frank Mintram made a very satisfactory Santa Claus.

THE TALK OF THE CITY.

It's of Interest to Our Readers Because It Has Reference to Middletown People.

It's astonishing how good news will spread. From every ward and street we hear of our people talking about the workings of the little conqueror. Merit and honorable methods receive their just reward. So many cases are cropping up that it is next to impossible to investigate them all, but we have taken a few in hand and give them publicity for the benefit of our readers. Our representative obtained the following statement of facts in a personal interview. They are true in every particular and no stronger evidence can be obtained than home indorsement.

T. P. Cronnin, of No. 201 West Main street, furnishes an example of this. He says:—"Some four years ago I had the grip and when I recovered from its attack I found it had left my back in a very bad condition. It soon developed into a severe kidney secretion, which had thick, cloudy appearance, was very dark in color, precipitated a heavy deposit and were so frequent that I had to get up quite often during the night. If I did any extra hard work or caught cold the pain was always more severe and the urinary trouble more annoying. I took numberless remedies for my complaint, but failed to find anything to cure me until I obtained a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at J. E. Mills' drug store. They acted in my case about the same as they did in all others whose published statements I had been reading about. I endorse all that is claimed for Doan's Kidney Pills."

Doan's Kidney Pills are sold for 50 cents per box or six boxes for $2.50. Foster Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Sent by mail on receipt of price. For sale by all dealers.

Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

The Homeliest Man in Middletown

as well as the handsomest, and others are invited to call on any druggist and get free a trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, a remedy that is guaranteed to cure and relieve all chronic and acute coughs, asthma, bronchitis and consumption. Price 25c. and 50c.

"My husband had two cancers taken from his face, and another was coming on his lip. He took two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and it disappeared. He is completely well." Mrs. Wm. Kirby, Akron, Erie county, N. Y.

HE HEALS HUMANITY.

By the Laying On of Hands The Boy Phenomenon Has Effected Many Miraculous Cures in Middletown.

HIS SUCCESS HAS CREATED THE MOST INTENSE EXCITEMENT AND CAUSED HUNDREDS TO REJOICE OVER THEIR MARVELOUS RESTORATION TO HEALTH.

He Gives Life to the Dying—Robs the Sick Room o Its Suffering and Cheats the Coffin of Its Prey.

The past week our city has been electrified, dumbfounded, bewildered and finally convinced by a most wonderful occurrence. Every day reports reached the public press and have been the chief topic of conversation upon our streets relative to the surprising and unparalleled cures of many prominent citizens accomplished by a mere youth, known as the Boy Phenomenon. The healing of so many well known persons of ailments supposed to be incurable attracted the most widespread attention, and were a source of wonder and astonishment everywhere. In fact, so remarkable were the results achieved and cures accomplished that they were almost beyond human belief, and not until incontrovertible facts, supported by overwhelming evidence of authenticated and indisputable proofs, were obtained would they be given credence.

But thanks to a discriminating public and the daily press of Middletown, truth, honesty, merit and skill have triumphed, and to-day animal magnetism and the Boy Phenomenon stand without a peer, preeminently at the head of all healing agencies.

The unparalleled success attending the Boy Phenomenon the past week, both at his public demonstrations and at his private office, in the Russell House, and the miraculous cures effected of prominent citizens, whose maladies were considered hopeless, have gained for this mere youth not only an enviable reputation as the greatest of all magnetic healers, not only the plaudits of the public and the indorsement of the press and pulpit, but the personal knowledge, which is more gratifying than all, that he has been able to restore sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, strength to the weak, caused paralytics to recover use of their limbs and rheumatic pains to disappear.

It is no wonder that people unacquainted with this phenomenal power should stand dumbfounded with amazement when they witness such cures as were accomplished on the public stage last week and are now daily being performed at his private office.

When sick is the time we need the best advice and treatment: therefore we say, inform yourselves, you who are sick, visit the reception parlors any day and witness with your own eyes the healing of your own friends; go to their homes, talk with them, and act as your best judgment dictates.

He not only treats the deaf, blind, lame, paralyzed and rheumatic, but nearly all diseases readily yield to his phenomenal power.

Those who wish treatment may obtain consultation, a thorough diagnosis, examination and advice any day this week for $1. Then if found curable, a price for treatment is named. Office hours, daily, except Sunday, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., and 7 to 8 p. m. adv.

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The "Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism removes at once the rheumatic poison from the system and the disease immediately disappears. Whilst the "Mystic Life Renewer" builds up the shattered nervous system, improves the digestion and restores the general health. It is the greatest cure for all nervous diseases and weakness as well as the most powerful nerve builder known.

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Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C C C fail, druggists refund money.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Dwight W. Berry, late of the city of Middletown in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the administratrix of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, at her place of residence, in the city of Middletown, on or before the 1st day of June next.

Dated November 23d, 1897.

MARY S. BERRY, Administratrix.

S. M. BOYD, Attorney for Administratrix.

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IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Lucinda Horton Young, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, at his office, No. 16 East Main street, in the city of Middletown, on or before the 14th day of April next.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Oct 12, '97.

GEO. H. DECKER, Executor.

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IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, N. Y., notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Daniel Thompson, deceased, late of the town of Crawford, in said county, that they are required to present such claims or statements thereof, with proper vouchers or verification thereof, to the subscriber, the administratrix of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased at her residence, in said town of Crawford, on or before the 27th day of December, 1897

Dated June 22d, 1897.

ANNA THOMPSON, Administratrix.

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Reduction in Prices

OF

Gas and Electric Light

The following prices take effect on business commencing

February 1st, 1898:

GAS RATES.

Under 500 feet, per month	$2.25 per M
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Middletown Gas and Electric Light Co.

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CLAIRVOYANT- PROF. W. H. SAGENDORF will return to Middletown, Dec. 25th, and remain one week at Wm. S. Roe's, 37 James street. 52d&wtf

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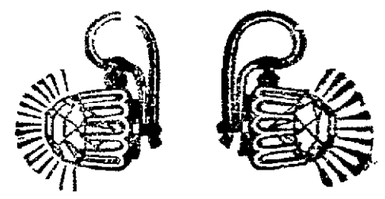
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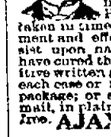
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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Threatening; snow Thursday; warmer.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frost's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 12°; 12 m., 24°; 3 p. m., 29°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Dec. 30—Ball of Ontario Hose Co., at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 31—Masquerade ball, at Casino, under Geo. Lea's management.
—Jan. 1—Excursion to New York via Erie Railroad.
—Jan. 4—"A Trip Across the Ocean," at the Casino.
—Jan. 7—"Billy" Williams' benefit, at Casino.
—Jan. 21—Excelsior Social.
—Jan. 24 John Thomas Concert Co., Y. M. C. A., at Casino.

Many of the leading papers in the country are agitating for a publication of the pension roll as the first and most necessary step toward exposing frauds and ridding the roll of those who are not entitled to the nation's bounty. The Commissioner of Pensions is unreservedly in favor of publishing the roll and certainly no objection to such a procedure can come from any pensioner, who is justly entitled to a place on the roll.

As soon as possible after the Legislature meets Mr. Cantor, as the Democratic leader in the Senate, will introduce a resolution for an investigation of the expenditure of the $9,000,000 canal improvement fund. It is believed that grave irregularities can be exposed in the administration of the Public Works Department. And it does not seem possible that Republican senators will be guilty of the folly of trying to prevent an investigation of the expenditure of a $9,000,000 fund which falls $7,000,000 short of completing the work it was expected to accomplish.

A number of cities in different parts of the country have adopted what are called curfew ordinances, which are designed to keep children off the streets at night. The ordinances provide that, except in cases for which valid excuses can be rendered, children under fifteen years of age, who are on the streets alone after 8 o'clock during the winter and after 9 o'clock during the summer, shall be liable to arrest and fine. It is asserted that there is a distinct improvement in the moral tone of boys and girls in the cities where these ordinances are in force,—a statement which will be readily believed, for there is no worse training school than a city's streets.

ENTERTAINED THE BAND.

W. I. French Was Serenaded by the Members of the 24th Separate Company Band, Tuesday Night.

W. I. French, who was recently married, entertained the members of the 24th Separate Company band and a few others at his home, No. 107 Linden avenue, Tuesday night. The band partook of the refreshments provided with generous hospitality and responded with some excellent music.

The regular guests at the Commercial House, Mr. French's former home, were present and gave the couple a handsome chair.

A Farewell Gift to Under Sheriff Howell

The Barnesters Association, of Newburgh, paid a farewell visit to Under Sheriff Howell, Monday night, and presented him with a silver backed toilet set as an expression of their appreciation of the courtesy and fidelity which characterized his discharge of his official duties.

Pulverized Coffee for State Hospital Use.

A meeting of the stewards of the State Hospital, held at Albany, Tuesday, considered a proposition to use pulverized coffee, which, it is said, would be a saving of about 25 per cent. A small coffee urn was employed at the meeting and some of the coffe was made.

Will Entertain in Honor of Port Jervis Guests.

Miss Clara Baker will entertain, tonight, in honor of her cousins, Charles and Frank Wilkin, of Port Jervis.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

—J. H. Barrett, at one time general superintendent of the Erie, has been made general superintendent of transportation on the Southern Railroad.

—The D., L. and W. Railroad has settled with most of the rail hands who were injured by the stage in which they riding, being struck by a train near Passaic. The sums paid range from $18 to $63 and include payments for damaged clothes as well as personal injuries.

THE GOLDSTIEM FAMILY'S WOES

The Child Died of Starvation and Then the Mother Killed Herself.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Goldstein, her husband and son, Powell, aged four have been living for the past year in three small rooms on the top floor of 436 East 121st street. Goldstein has been out of work for three months and the family has been on the verge of starvation.

The child died at 5 o'clock this morning, having literally starved. The father went out and managed to borrow a small sum of money.

When he returned he found his wife lying on the bed beside the child. Her lips and breast were covered with green powder, and she was hugging the little one's dead body closely. She had swallowed a capful of Paris green. Goldstein arrived too late to accomplish anything toward saving her life.

THE FUR SEAL BILL SIGNED.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The President, to-day, approved the bill "prohibitiing the killing of fur seals in the North Pacific Ocean."

CORBETT-FITZSIMMONS MATCH.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—W. A. Brady, today, posted $2,500 with Al Smith to bind the match between Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

GEORGE LEA'S "KLONDIKE."

Scattered Hundreds of New Pennies Among the Boys in This City, To-day.

George Lea, who will never be ancient but always honorable, created a furor in town, to-day, such as a hundred "Boy Phenomenons" or one tent circuses might have longed for. He is going to give a masquerade ball at the Casino, Friday night, which every masquerade lover will be sure to attend, in costume or as a spectator in the galleries, boxes or loges.

In order to add to the spirit of the affair Mr. Lea appeared, to-day, on the principal streets on the front seat of his new Madison House omnibus, drawn by four rosetted and plumed horses. A snappy coachman held the reins, while Mr. Lea, clad in his famous $300 mink overcoat, and wearing the new silk hat which he won on the election of Alderman O'Neal in the Second Ward, distributed the contents of a big basket. The latter contained a half bushel of pennies, fresh from the mint, and "just as advertised," a band within the omnibus played with loud effect, while Mr. Lea scattered the coins among the hundreds of boys and one ambitious girl who followed the bus. The outfit stopped in front of the newspaper offices, the hotels and on Franklin Square.

Such a grand scramble was enough to warm the blood of the poorest of Middletown's foot ball players. Flying wedges, mass plays and around the ends were not in it with the small boys. Innumerable impromptu fights occurred, but about every boy and the girl in line got a penny before the rush was over.

AN OLD MUSKET.

Given as a Prize to a "4th Company" Man in 1804.

H. H. Doloway showed us to-day an old musket, which he secured during a recent visit to Sullivan county, which may have an interesting history. Inscriptions on the brass plate which protects the end of the stock and on a silver plate, sunk in the stock near the lock, recite that it was a "prize musket, presented to John Saunders, 4th Company, Aug. 10th, 1804, by Capt. Thomas Herbert." The musket is in a good state of preservation, though it has evidently seen no little service either in the hunting field or in camp or battle-field.

Look Out, Tramps, After January 1.

Recorder Barnes is firm in his intention to wipe out the tramp nuisance in this city.

After Jan. 1st all tramps caught loafing or begging will go to prison. The Recorder thinks that the taxpayers would rather pay for their keep in the penitentiary than to buy coal to warm them in the lockup and feed them out of back doors.

Entertaining a Bride and Groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davey are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dra G. O'Neil, to-day. They are on their way to their home in Glenwood, N. J., from their wedding journey. Mrs. Davey was Miss Frankie Holley, of Greenville, and they were married at the home of her father, H. M. Holley, Thursday evening, Dec. 23d.

SKINS ON FIRE

Skins on fire with torturing, disfiguring, itching, burning, bleedings, scaly, and pimply humors, instantly relieved by a warm bath with CUTICURA SOAP, a single application of CUTICURA (ointment), the great skin cure, and a full dose of CUTICURA RESOLVENT.

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MRS. HALLIDAY IN GOOD HEALTH

Matteawan Asylum's Star Prisoner Has Gained Sixty Pounds.

Mrs. Lizzie Halliday, the triple murderess, never looked or felt better in her life. When the Supervisors visited the Matteawan Hospital, last Thursday, the fact was brought out that the woman had gained seventy pounds since coming to the institution. Her eye is clear and her step alert. She talks rationally at all times now. Only at rare intervals, Dr. Allison says, does she become a bit insane. Then her thirst for gore becomes real pronounced.

Newburgh Newspapers Advance Their Subscription Prices.

The Newburgh *Register* and *Journal*, which have been published for some time at a cent a copy or $3 a year, announce that after Jan. 1st their subscription price will be $6 a year,—fifty cents a month, two cents per single copy.

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. One-fourth the price of coffee. Fifteen cents and 25 cents per package. Sold by all grocers.

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And each day and night during this week you can get at any druggists Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, acknowledged to be the most successful remedy ever sold for Coughs, Bronchitis, Asthma and Consumption. Get a bottle, to-day, and keep it always in the house, so you can check your cold at once. Price 25c. and 50c. Sample bottle free.

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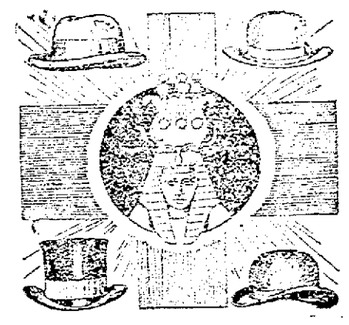
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For coats that sold up to $10 now $6.90. Those that sold up to $16.50 now $8.90. This does not refer to old garments. It includes only the best of this season's goods. The stock will not last long. The early callers will secure the choice.

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Men's Rubbers 45c

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A Few Items Worth Mentioning.

Our Millinery Department is as near perfection as it can be made. The entire winter stock is all in—no need for ladies waiting for other styles. Endless variety of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Winter Cloaks. We are acknowledged leaders in these lines. Our assortment is too large and the space too small to mention the different designs and prices. Come and see. Ladies' Shirt Waists in all prices. We have a fine Outing Flannel Waist at 48c. A Plaid Waist, latest cut, detachable collar and cuffs for 98c.—A beauty. Have sold over 25 dozen. Nice enough to wear to a ball. Over 200 Silk Waists in stock. Every style and quality represented from $2.48 up. No such assortment elsewhere. All at our Handsome Store. If you need a Separate Dress Skirt, remember we are headquarters.

L. STERN 13-15 NORTH ST.

ANYTHING LACKING

in your Christmas stocking? If so, we will be glad to supply the deficiency.

Diaries for 1898 are ready for you.

Same is true of New Year's Cards and Calendars

That Magazine or Paper you were going to subscribe for we can have sent for you and save you the trouble and expense.

Wouldn't you like some of our fine Stationery to acknowledge your Christmas gifts on?

Hanford & Horton,

No. 6 North St., Middletown.

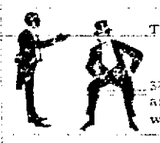


A Christmas Display

of goods dear to the masculine heart we are displaying this week, for those who wish to please their male friends by gifts that will make them rise up and call you blessed.

Fine Umbrellas, Men's Driving and Street Gloves, Scarfs, Mufflers, Fine Suspenders, House Coats, Smoking Jackets, Ulsters, Overcoats, Horse Blankets and Robes.

GEO. W. YOUNG.



Those special Blank Books I had made at McINTYRE'S BINDERY, 32 North Street, Middletown, are first class and the price was all right. 3

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"THE STYLISH PATTERN." Artistic. Fashionable. Original. Perfect-Fitting. Prices 10 and 15 cents. None higher. None better at any price. Some reliable merchant sells them in nearly every city or town. Ask for them, or they can be had by mail from us in either New York or Chicago. Stamps taken. Latest Fashion Sheet sent upon receipt of one cent to pay postage.

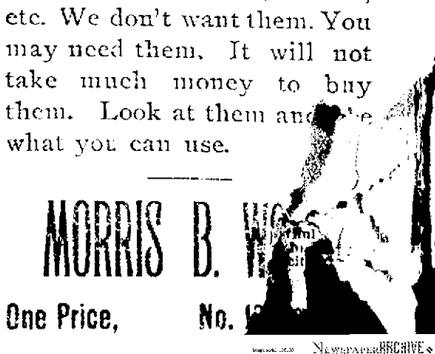
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Looking Around.

In looking around our store, after our great holiday trade, we find many odd lots of Suits, Overcoats, Pants, etc. We don't want them. You may need them. It will not take much money to buy them. Look at them and see what you can use.



MORRIS B. WO...

One Price, No. 1...

It Has Seemed Like Old Times

IN

Our Warerooms for the Last Few Days.

We have actually been unable to give every one of our patrons the attention we would like, but we are not surprised, as we have just the goods the public want for Christmas presents, and the prices are not much more than half of former years. Novelties in Furniture, Crockery and Bric a-Brac on every hand. We set out this year with the determination to remove the necessity for any person going out of town to buy their X-mas presents. We can suit everybody from 1 cent to $100. Just think what a nice present a first-class Sewing Machine at $17.50 or a $75 Orange County Express Bicycle at $40 would make. Respectfully

C. Emmet Crawford,

44 AND 46 NORTH STREET.

We Pause—
To tell you what one of the prettiest girls in Orange county said about our Perfection Glove Cleaner. She said, "It's not only the best I ever used, but it's simply perfection and everybody ought to know about it." We said we'd tell everybody about it right after Christmas — here it is — Perfection Glove Cleaner—large bottles 15 cents, made and sold only by ourselves.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy).

And speaking of Gloves reminds us of the hands to wear 'em, and that the best thing to keep the hands smooth, white and attractive is our Orange Flower Balm—A few drops on them at night does it, keeps them free from hang nails, 30 years' popularity proves this no fable.

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Special Sale

OF

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The Cheapest Place in the City.

ANCE & HATHAWAY,

EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Goods for New Year's, Bull & Youngblood.
—Flonks, capes and furs at Geo. B Adams'.
—France & Hathaway are agents for the Advertising Journal Co
—"Honest John" trusses for sale by J. E. Mills
—Sale notice estate of Hector Savage.
—Dyspepsia cured by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets
—Health restored by Dr. Miles' Nervine.
—Calendars given with Fairy Soap.
—Piso's Cure for coughs and colds.
—Constipation cured by Cascarets.
—For backache, Doan's Pills.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.

—John L. Sullivan at the Casino, next Tuesday evening.

—Harry Townsend, the noted horse and colt breaker is located at Campbell Farm.

—The price of seats for John L. Sullivan are as usual. There has been no advance.

—There is fair skating on the mill pond and many youngsters have enjoyed it to-day.

—The Chester meadow drainage case was argued before Judge Beattie at Goshen, Monday afternoon.

—Have you secured your ticket for Lea's masquerade ball, which takes place Friday evening, at the Casino?

—Passaic's Board of Education has advertised for an able-bodied teacher to take charge of its truant school.

—John L. Sullivan will present "A Trip on the Ocean," at the Casino, Tuesday evening. He will be seen in a boxing match with Prof. White.

—O. W. Hall, formerly in the profession, will do a comic musical sketch at the "Billy Williams" benefit. Don Rito, "the king of the wire," will also be on hand.

—Charles Wilson, the State Hospital driver, has gone to Collins Farm to superintend the shipment of the furniture and household effects of the late Dr. Allen to this city.

—Two female attendants will be on hand in the Casino parlors at Lea's masquerade ball, New Year's Eve, to wait upon the ladies who wish to arrange their costumes and masques.

—We understand that Mr. Lea has engaged six expert skirt dancers from New York, who have agreed to give an exhibition of artistic dancing at his famous masquerade ball, at the Casino, on New Year's Eve.

PERSONAL.

—Samuel Stevenson, of Norwich is in town visiting friends.

—Frank Felter, of New York city, is in town visiting relatives and friends

—Mrs. John F. Dusenberry, of this city, is visiting her parents in Port Jervis

—W. D. Oakes, former owner of the Palm, and now of Setauket, L. I., is in town.

—Miss May Beckenham, of Walton, is the guest of her father at the Commercial House.

—Charles Branch, Jr., is spending his vacation in Middletown.—*Port Jervis Gazette.*

—John Hare, of Middletown, was the guest of R. H. Hare, last Sunday—*Port Jervis Union.*

—Principal W. A. Wilson, of the High School, has gone to Binghamton to spend a few days with relatives.

—Assemblyman-elect Daniel P. Schultz was in town, to-day, saying good by to personal and political friends. He will go to Albany, next Monday, so as to be present at the opening session, Tuesday. His headquarters will be at the Mansion House.

—Mayor Hinchliffe, of Paterson, has so far recovered from his recent illness that he was able to visit the city hall, yesterday, and attend to some pressing official business. Mr. Hinchliffe is planning a southern trip which he expects will completely restore his health and strength.

BOSS DAYTON AND SATCHEL.

Alarmed All the Machine Men Who Saw Him Going to Take the Train.

Boss Dayton left town, to-day. He carried a satchel as he left town on Erie No. 38 and the incident was a matter of considerable importance. "Dan" Finn saw him leave the store and wondered. "Louis D." Stivers looked out of the big window as he passed through King street and wondered. "Ed" Brown smiled out of the Russell House and didn't wonder. Ex-Mayor Isaman remarked to George that "Dayton just went by with his son and a satchel." "Lou" Wolff told "Sport" that "Dayton was going to the depot," and the machine men there laughed. "Lou" Wilson looked out of his office and told John Wood that "Dayton was going after the combination of the post office safe," and when an Argus reporter asked the anti-boss where he was going, he smiled pleasantly and remarked: "You are at liberty to say whatever you please."

A Norwich Merchant's Failure.

The dry goods store of Harvey J. Daniels, one of the leading merchants at Norwich, Chenango county, was closed, Wednesday, under chattel mortgages and executions amounting to $28,964. Of this sum $23,964 is due Belle Daniels. Mr. Daniels also owes large sums in New York. His stock is valued at $20,000 and his book accounts at $20,000.

To Confer With the Lunacy Commission

Hospital Trustees John W. Slauson and W. K. Stansbury are members of the committee which conferred with the Lunacy Commission at Albany, to-day, on the question of dietary treatment at the State Hospital.

Dr. Wild's Witch Hazel Salve
Cures Piles, Scalds, &c.

GOSHEN VOCAL SOCIETY.

Its Seventh Production of "The Messiah" Its Greatest Success—A Very Large Audience Delighted With the Society's Work—The Chorus and the Soloists.

From our Goshen Correspondent.

If there is anything earthly that has the power to "waft us away from this black Aleodama of sorrow where the earth of a dusty to-day is the dust of an earthly to-morrow," it is a concert by the Goshen Vocal Society.

In the spacious auditorium of the Presbyterian Church, last night, the Goshen Vocal Society rendered for the seventh time Handel's grand old oratorio, "The Messiah." Among all the glittering triumphs which have greeted the society along the pathway of its history, last night's finished effort stands unsurpassed. Familiarity with the noble work and the efforts of Rev. R. B. Clark, the conductor, to attain a higher standard of perfection have brought the chorus to a level higher than it has ever reached before.

Not alone can success be attributed to the singers. Contributory in a larger measure, perhaps, than many of the auditors know, is the noble setting given the work by the enlarged space in which it was rendered, where the acoustics well nigh approach perfection and the waves of melody are melodious yet, even when they permeate the remotest nooks and corners of the edifice. The inspiring accompaniment of the church organ lends a rarer charm and a grander finish to the work of the singers.

Ignoring for the moment the society as a musical organization and looking at it from a different point of view, we find it hard to believe that anything more fair to behold ever had existence. There are the fairest and ablest sons and daughters that Goshen can produce and there are others, mostly Middletown's. The sons are able in many ways and the daughters are fair from every standpoint.

Fully 2,000 people heard the "Messiah," last night. They came from every part of the county, from Port Jervis, Southfields, Newburgh, Warwick and nearly every intervening town and hamlet. And their presence here is gratifying evidence of the society's musical work. All were very comfortably stowed away in the large church building.

The soloists were a strong and able quartette of songsters. Miss Edyth L. Giese, the soprano, is a new comer, and she sang her way into the hearts of the audience easily, gracefully and at once. Her most creditable effort was, perhaps, the air "I know that my Redeemer Liveth." Mrs. Katherine Bloodgood, also was an old favorite, and she is yet, only more so, for her work, last night, will crown her anew with the laurels of a flattering opinion. Mrs. Bloodgood was at her best and to her were awarded the honors of the evening. Ellison Van Hoose was to have been tenor. Mr. Van Hoose is singing in German opera with Damrosch and Ellis. At the last moment circumstances rendered impossible his presence and C. C. Van Yorx took his place. Mr. Van Yorx has sung with the society before, and filled the requirements of his part with ability and satisfaction.

Dr. Carl E Duffi had been engaged to sing the bass parts. At the final moment he repudiated his engagement and broke his given word. However, no one will gainsay that he took a base part. (No copyright.) The services of Perry Averill were secured. His voice is rather a barytone than bass and hardly of power and volume enough for the heavy work of the "Messiah." The society acknowledged its obligation to Mr. Averill for assuming the part in the emergency and outside the fact that his voice lacks in power, it is pure and richly cultivated and his work was creditable.

With his usual ability Wm. Wall Whiddit presided at the organ: Carl Hamm was concert master and Henry Kochenbach, trumpeter. The pastoral symphony and trumpet obligato were marvelously well executed.

The chorus was at its best in the chorus "Unto us" and in the "Hallelujah" and "Amen" choruses.

The society will now take a protracted rest before resuming their musical work.

IS THIS "PROF. BALDY?"

A Hypnotist Arrested in New York on a Charge of Intoxication.

To-day's New York *Sun* has a story about the arrest of Charles W. Baldy, who claimed to be a professional hypnotist, and who was arrested at Eighth avenue and Fifty-third street, New York, Monday evening, while violently unable to take care of himself.

He "threw a fit" or two in the police station, and was let go on recovering.

Charles W. Baldy was at the Casino early this month in hypnotic exhibitions, and it is probable that he was the man gathered in by the New York police, a mistake in the first letter of the name being easily possible.

Basket Ball at the Armory, Saturday

A game of basket ball will be played at the Armory at 3:30, Saturday afternoon, between the following teams:

Thompson, Captain; Gausman, Gould, Powelson, Cummings.

Dickinson, Captain; Lawrence, Terhune, Wengenroth, Steedman or Paret.

Early Closing of Clothing Stores

Beginning next Tuesday, all clothiers and tailors will close at 6 o'clock until April 1st, Mondays, Saturdays and O. and W. pay days excepted.

Will Shut Down for a Week.

The National Saw Company will shut down its factory, Friday night, for one week.

OLD BALL INVITATIONS.

Of Interest as Showing Death's Work Among the Merry Makers of Half a Century Ago.

Cashier Seymour DeWitt, of the First National Bank, while looking, the other day, through some old papers that had belonged to his father, came across three invitations to balls which were given more than half a century ago and which possess a melancholy interest for they show how quickly "the runs on."

Of the managers of these merry makings of the olden time, very few are living; many have indeed been dead so long that they are remembered only by those who have passed life's meridian and whose faces are turned toward the setting sun.

The oldest invitation is to an Agricultural Ball to be given October 4th, 1813, at the Orange Hotel, Goshen. The managers of the affair were:

Fred J. Betts, Edmond Seeley, John J. Heard, A. S. Murray, Aaron P. Wilson, Alex. Wright, Milton Hulse, John C. Dimmick, Charles Thompson, Gilbert Hulse, James Johnson, Chas. S Tappan, Hector Vail, John Caldwell, Wm. Murray, Jr., F. A. Hoyt, Sealy C. Roe, Dr. S. Crawford, Hiram Boyd, Thos. J. Curtis, Henry Edsall, Wm. M. Sayer, Thos. B. Cameron, Wm. W. Morris, Wm. P. Smith, James H. Jansen, Richard Sears, Chas. D. Edsall, Wm. C. Little, Asa D. Jansen, G. W. Oakley, Silas Horton, S. L. H. Jackson, James B. Jackson, Ogden Howell, B. F. Dunning, Theo. Goldsmith, O. K. Dunning, G. H. Post.

The next invitation is to a "Washington Ball" to be given at "Edsall's Pavilion Hotel" in Goshen, in honor of the birth of the "illustrious Father of his Country," on Thursday evening, Feb. 22, 1844. The managers were:

R. E. Harbaway, C. D. Edsall, F. A. Hoyt, N. Wortendyke, C. Hoffman, H. B. Murray, C. S. Tappen, C. Halstead, Jr., C. Thomason, J. H. Appleton, C. Van Duzer, O. K Dunning, W. H. Leeds, A. C. Morton, W. Murray, Jr., J. Houghton, A. Wilkin, Wm W. Morris, R. A. Smith, L. L. Robinson, C. Reeve, W. B. Barlow, J. G Wilkin, Wm. L. Vail, H. Vail, A. Smiley, A. D. Jansen, Wm. M. Sayer, C. Knight, S. Moffat, Jr., H Edsall, B. F. Dunning, T. Goldsmith, J. H. Boyd, J. B. Jackson, R. T. Bailey, Wm. Y. Ball, I. R Andrews, Wm. C. Little.

In the third invitation "the honor of your company is solicited to the first annual ball of Protection Engine Co., No. 2, to be held at the Union House, So Middletown, on Thursday evening, March 5, 1846." The committee in charge was:

Alex. Wilson, Geo. Crans, John Demarest, James B. Jackson, Roswell P. Tuthill, Thos. S. Houston, James Hooks.

THE "OLD GANG'S" SMART TRICK

How They Made It Impossible for the Antis to See Chairman Goodsell.

The information trickled through our private pipe line, yesterday, that the machine leaders in this city played a smart trick on the "kickers" on the occasion of the recent visit here of Louis F. Goodsell, chairman of the Republican County Committee.

Mr. Goodsell on reaching this city was taken in charge by certain of the "old gang," who had been advised of his coming. They took him to the State Hospital and later ran him into a "hole in the wall" and kept him there out of the reach of the "antis," many of whom were hunting for him during the evening.

Mr. Goodsell naturally wondered that none of the "kickers" called to discuss "harmony" and probably left town with the impression that the antis kept away from him because they preferred kicking to "harmony," and with a correspondingly bad opinion of the antis.

A Very Forgiving Brother.

From the Paterson Press.

For the third time Frederick Boetcher, of Hackensack, has saved his brother, John, from a term in State prison. Three times John stabbed Frederick, and on the three trials Frederick testified that he did not know who did it.

Absolute Divorce Granted.

At the regular term of court held at Milford, Pike county Pa., Dec. 21, 1897, an absolute divorce was granted to Mrs. Annie A. Pinney, of Matamoras, from her husband, Thomas A. Pinney, of Port Jervis, a fireman on the New York division of the Erie. Cause non-support.

Grateful Acknowledgment

A grateful acknowledgment is extended to the teachers of the Home Sunday School and to all others who so generously contributed to the children's happy Christmas.

S. C. WINTERS,
Matron Children's Home.

Dec. 28, 1897.

Pigeon Shooting Match at "The Maples."

There will be a pigeon shooting match on New Year's Day, at "The Maples." Two hundred birds have been secured, and it is expected that many trap and pigeon shooters will be on hand to enjoy the sport.

Died of His Injuries.

James F. Dwyer, thirty-eight years old, a brakeman on the Monticello railroad, died in the Port Jervis hospital about 1 o'clock Monday morning, from the effects of injuries sustained in the Monticello yard about a week before.

Stores Will Close at 6 p. m., Tuesday

Beginning Tuesday, January 4, the stores in this city will close at 6 o'clock as usual during the winter season.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Mr. Betts at the Irish Societies' Reception—Sunday School Festival—Promenade Concert—Orange Lodge Election.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—Hon George C. Betts presided, Monday, at the reception in New York city tendered to Miss Maude Gonne by the United Irish Societies of that city.

—James Donovan has purchased of J. J. Fitzgerald the building wherein the Donovan road carts are made. Mr. Donovan will erect an addition three stories high.

—St. James' Sunday School festival and Christmas tree was given yesterday evening.

—Cataract's next promenade concert and dance will be given Saturday evening, at Music Hall.

—Sheriff Bakes is picking up, preparatory to his removal to Middletown.

—Edward C. Myers, of Newark, and Miss Rosa Hamilton, of Greenville, were married Christmas, by Rev. S. F. White.

—The following officers were elected at the meeting of Orange Lodge, I. O. O. F., held last evening: N. G., R. O Kennedy; V. G., F. C. Thompson; Secretary, H. P. Tuthill; Treasurer, C. S. Hulse; Financial Secretary, T. W. Lea; Trustee, I. C. Baldwin; Manager, J. B. Gregory. The installation will take place Jan. 11th.

BACK IN THE RECTORY.

Housekeeper Looks After Rector Howell's Wants—Two Establishments Under One Roof.

Rector Howell has resumed his residence in the rectory at Montic llo. There has been no reconciliation with his wife, who caused his arrest and punishment for assaulting her. Mr. Howell has engaged a housekeeper who looks after his wants and Mrs. Howell looks after herself and the children. An armed neutrality is maintained by the two hostile camps under the rectory roof. It is probable that Mr. Howell could live as cheaply and more pleasantly elsewhere, but it is understood that he returned to the rectory to assert his rights to occupy the home which the church provides for him.

The rector received a large number of presents from his parishioners Christmas. There was a large congregation present at the services in the church on Sunday.

"NOT WISELY BUT TOO WELL"

Walkill Justices Will Sit To-morrow in Filiation Proceedings.

Justices Shaw, of Circleville, and Ball, of Srony Ford, will sit at Circleville, to-morrow, and listen to the evidence which a daughter of Frank Decker, of near Midland Lake, can produce to sustain her allegation that Mel. White is the father of her illegitimate child, which is now a few months old.

White was employed by the roller coaster proprietors at Midway Park last summer and of late has been employed at Staten Island.

Will Have a Game Dinner at the Hotel High View.

A number of Middletowners have accepted invitations to be present at a game dinner to be given by Proprietor W. F. Giveans, at the Hotel High View, at the Bloomingburgh tunnel, New Year's day. A fishing trip is also included in Mr. Giveans' invitation.

Piles Cured in Three to Six Nights.

One application gives relief. Dr. Agnew's Ointment is a boon for itching piles, or blind, bleeding piles, it relieves quickly and permanently. In skin eruptions it stands without a rival. Thousands of testimonials if you want evidence.

Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

A bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup in the house saves doctors' bills, saves trouble and very often saves precious lives. Gives almost instant relief in cases of coughs, colds or lung troubles of any sort.

Eczema in any part of the body is instantly relieved and permanently cured by Doan's Ointment, the sovereign remedy for all itchiness of the skin.

Good Blood

is essential to health. Every nook and corner of the system is reached by the blood, and on its quality the condition of every organ depends. Good blood means strong nerves, good digestion, robust health. Impure blood means scrofula, dyspepsia, rheumatism, catarrh or other diseases. The surest way to have good blood is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine purifies, vitalizes, and enriches the blood, and sends the elements of health and strength to every nerve, organ and tissue. It creates a good appetite, gives refreshing sleep and overcomes tired feeling. Remember,

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

Is Becoming a Valuable Contributor.

Mrs. Mary Hasbrouck, who has met many Middletowners while a guest of Postmaster Elwood, has become a regular contributor of poems to various magazines. Her latest, "The Story of a Play," which appears in the Christmas *Dramatic Mirror* is especially good, and has won her many compliments from her friends here. Mrs. Hasbrouck is wintering at Toronto.

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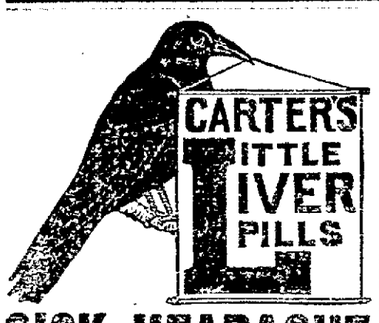
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But round some corner in the streets of life
They, on a sudden, clasp us with a smile."

AMONG other passengers alighting from the train was a tall, dark-complexioned gentleman and a short, chubby child, holding fast his free hand, also a mite of a blue parasol. From the gentleman's other hand swung a traveling case and an umbrella. The sun was yet high and its rays burning. It had been a breathless day, and although the station sat on the outskirts of Woodville, flanked by hayfield and facing a meadow, the only odor afloat seemed that of plank and paint. A new sidewalk was being laid, also the station platform was undergoing repairs; but Bools, the village "jack-of-all-trades," lounged beneath a big chestnut tree whose leaves hung yellow and limp on dry twigs.

"Can you direct me to the Locust Nest?" the tall gentleman asked this lounger.

"You can't miss it; it hides in the locust wood; the 'bus stands around here," and scrambling to his feet the speaker led the way to a low, narrow, repellant vehicle which the child refused to enter.

"'Tis considerable loose in the joints, little miss, but 'twill carry you safe enough. Good land, no! 'tisn't a hearse!"

They rumbled over a bridge, turned another corner, rounded the village square, struck into the Rooney road, ascended a hill, halting on its shoulder before a swinging white gate through which a woman had just passed. The house was delightfully old-fashioned. Dr. Cyrus Flint and little daughter exchanged words of approval as they went up the gravelly path leading to the great door. Largeness seemed all about them—"these cramped-up city folks," and the 'bus driver who had run with a message to the back door, added, in parting: "Your nest must be getting right full; five last week and two to-night." He was addressing Cathy, the cook, whom Bools was courting.

Two front rooms off the upper hall were assigned to the doctor, one of which jutted over the side veranda and was called the balcony chamber. In at the open window the locust branches peered, and above, almost within reach, swayed an oriole's nest. A large waxen doll sat in a chair and a child's cot stood in one corner. The little girl entered the chamber to look about, laying the blue silk parasol on the table while she removed her hat and pushed back her damp, tumbled hair. The wee cot with its spotless draperies drew her instantly. "See, father, this boarding house lady must have known I was rather small. If your room is as pretty as mine is let us live here for a long time."

A few hours later, refreshed, retoned, restored, the doctor and Girlie went below and met the boarders assembling for dinner. When Mrs. Winters herself approached the doctor started slightly. Only Girlie noticed the tremor and tightened her wee warm clasp of his big hand and looked up. A lady, a very small lady, was looking down. The very tip top of this lady's scomb reached her father's elbow. Bending to the child, she said, with a winning smile: "I hope that we shall become very good friends."

"Perhaps we may," replied Girlie, with her most captivating nod and smile, for she was greatly pleased with every detail of her surroundings. After dinner there followed an evening full of chat, song and music. Each of the company seemed to have forgotten how high the thermometer was running. When the doctor left the circle that evening Mrs. Winters again bent down to his little daughter and kissed her.

"Good night!" returned the child. "I shall dream of the angels all night," and her father added: "She is in love with the couch, you see."

The next day the inmates of the nest betook themselves to wood and stream, and a few went in the down 'bus to the station, where 15 fresh-air children were looked for, homes among villagers and farmers awaiting them.

Mrs. Winters also went down and sat in her phaeton with the doctor's daughter beside her when the train pulled up. The children were handed out, each with a tag attached to his or her left shoulder.

"Bools, bring me two of them, will you? Prof. Fix - Rooney road?" Bools stood at the Shetland's head, but moved off at this word toward the newcomers, returning soon with the eldest and the youngest of the group.

Pie addressed himself to the road, but just here the doctor on his new mare and his dog leaping before him rode by, wheeled and trotted back to the phaeton. "Oh, good morning!" as he lifted Girlie to his saddle, and pony and sorrel moved along together.

"I confess, doctor, I stole your daughter. These boys are tagged for my cousin, who lives a half mile above the Nest."

"Is your pony a good traveler? Those storm clouds are rolling up rapidly."

"Yes, very good; what a bark that dog has!"

"Soul-stirring, is it?" The speaker smiled, touched his hat and the sorrel darted ahead, whereat Pie shook himself and quickened his pace. By ten o'clock the storm was raging through the town. Two churches were struck by lightning, also chimneys and window glass about the square suffered considerably. Bright and early the following morning Bools was up to see Cathy, the cook. Bools generally did bring the village budgets, but this morning much turned on his tale, for had not a matter of two inches or so—the difference in the height of those two—the Presbyterian spire and the Methodist steeple, held two hearts apart for four good years or more? It was astonishing how unbridgeable, by dint of brooding over and cherishing, this trifling matter had become. But lo! the elements had arbitrated. Mr. Cook announced his finale at the breakfast table: "Thank the gods and graces, odds are even at last; faithful Bools and warm-hearted Cathy can conscientiously wed."

After this outbreak the weather resumed the even tenor of its way; charming days rolled by, one so much like the other that few called them singly to account. Locust Nest stood in the midst of a dreamy old garden and the hum of bee and the drone of insect sounded by the hour. The doctor's child, when she was not haunting the stairway and window ledges of the delightsome old nest itself, haunted this garden. She started out of nook or by-path, taking Mrs. Winters often unawares, and always with a book in hand.

Mrs. Winters, liking to pull beans herself and to "fuss" among her vegetables, stood one day under an apple tree surveying her store, when a something dropped from the gnarled branches above. "Mercy, child, where were you? Why do you always have that book?"

"It is not that book, it is another. Father and I think schools are disagreeable, so I study by myself. I learn all over just what I wish to, and every Friday evening father and I visit together and I tell him what I do not know. You see when people have not got much but each other they think a good deal of each other. Folks say I have lost my mother, but father said that I am not real well acquainted with anybody but old nurse, who looks like your Cathy, and father; we cannot stay here much longer now; I thought I would tell you. We like corners; you always find something nice around a corner; the city is full of corners, so I think we will go away soon," and blue eyes met blue eyes. At that instant the thud of hoofs was heard, and away down the drive and out into the road ran the child. Mrs. Winters hastened into her kitchen. That evening closed in early full of darkness and storm. Heaven and earth seemed to shake beneath the mighty tread of its approach. Lightning cut the air, thunder rolled; the creek a quarter mile above the Nest rose defiantly so that fording was made impossible, and the bridge might easily be missed in such a night. Girlie, who had been studying up thunderstorms of late, desired her father to neither stand nor to run if ever caught by one, "tall, pointed objects being fine marks." Several persons watched from windows the increasing gloom and fury without when dinner was called, but scarcely were they seated at table when the waitress appeared at her mistress' elbow. The school-teacher at the professor's was very ill; no doctor to be found. Would Dr. Flint accompany the messenger?

Girlie uttered an involuntary "Oh!" Mrs. Winters not a word nor even raised her eyes. Cyrus Flint rose and strode from the room. He reappeared becapped and bedoaked and opened the outer door. Bools was there with two horses and a lantern, under whose red glower glistened the coats of rider and horse. A fierce gust of wind met him, but he made his way out.

"Father!" the doctor bent from his saddle; "hold this high and sit low," and the little figure stood on its tiptoes and reached up a small sunshade—that precious blue silk parasol—sacrificed by a warm little heart to electric greed, confident that surrounding that beloved head it would be quite "tall" enough and "pointed" enough to avert attack. "Bless you, sweetheart! Take her in," he cried; but Cathy's arms were already about her and she was carried in while her father rode away into the wild night.

The chime-like stroke of the great clock was telling 11 when a violent knock came on the kitchen door and Bools' voice was heard. Cathy set the door ajar when Bools pushed it open and entered, followed by neighboring farmhands bearing a rude litter upon which was stretched a form whose garments, as did those of the other men, dripped water which trickled right and left over the polished floor. The cook wrung her hands.

"Oh, my! Oh, my! Is he killed or drowned that you fetch him on a raft, and his fatherless babe above stairs. Oh, my! Oh, my!"

"Hist! Where's the lady?" But Mrs. Winters, her eyes wide and full of alarm, already stood on a threshold beckoning. "Bring him this way into the bedroom, and do you, Bools, watch all the trains and catch the first doctor who comes." Then she and Cathy worked over the injured man until daybreak, with which came Bools and Dr. Flint.

Late in the afternoon Dr. Flint wakened, conscious and observant. An anxious face was bending over him, and before its owner could withdraw the doctor grasped two small hands. "Reta! My Reta! I see all now. Something has shadowed me persistently since the night I arrived. For two years I have dreamed of you by night and searched for you by day. Reta! my wife!"

Mrs. Winters Flint sobbed as she hid her face on his arm.

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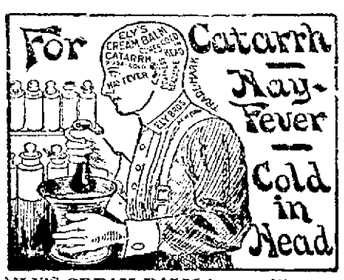
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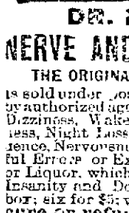
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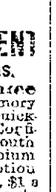
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Boss Shepherd went from Washington to Batopilas many years ago to recoup his fortune in mining. He made lucky strikes and is now worth several million dollars.

Batopilas is in the heart of the Sierra Madres, 225 miles from the nearest railway point.

Alexander R. Shepherd was born in Washington on Jan 31, 1835 His parents were of Maryland stock. His father died when he was a boy, and when he was 13 years old he was obliged to quit school and help make a living for his mother. He was apprenticed to a carpenter and after several years went into the plumbing business.

His education was meager. He had great confidence in his own judgment, however, and knew how to manage men. He bought out his employer's plumbing business and built up a trade which brought him a large income. He came into notice in 1862 at the beginning of the war as a member of a Washington military company known as the National Rifles.

When this company was disbanded, after three months' service, Shepherd was elected a member of the council in Washington. He devoted much of his time to politics, and by 1870 he was recognized as a political power.

Washington at this time was a city of swamps and mud banks. The national capital consisted of avenues and boulevards on paper. There was even talk of removing the seat of government to some place where there would be less malaria and fever.

It was necessary that some one should take charge of the work of improving the city. President Grant appointed Mr. Shepherd, the plumber, governor of the District of Columbia. From that time Washington had improvements of all kinds. The streets were torn up, unsightly buildings were removed, wide avenues were run through old estates, splendid public buildings were erected, a complete system of sewerage was introduced, and the avenues were paved The face of Washington was changed

The citizens were during all this time raising indignant protests against the lavish expenditure of money They accused Boss Shepherd of corrupt methods. They said that he and his ring spent but little money, but put the bulk of it in their pockets. The tax rate was going up, and the citizens of Washington were denouncing Shepherd as a second Boss Tweed.

Half of the expense of improving Washington was paid by the national government and the other half by the taxpayers of the city. The administration stood by everything which Boss Shepherd did. He turned a deaf ear to every one who came to him with suggestions. He had his own idea of how Washington should be improved, and he held to it to the end When he was finally deposed, in 1874 he had spent $40,000,000 and had left the city of Washington $27,000,000 in debt.

Infant Dies of Delirium Tremens.

BUFFALO, Dec. 29.—The case of a child only 15 months old dying of acute alcoholism has been reported to the department of health. Another is seriously ill. The department in turn sent the case to Coroner Tucker who made an investigation. The parents of the children are Poles with unpronounceable names living on Swan street. It developed at the investigation that on Christmas day the children had been fed with large quantities of "smeercase" and clove wine. The doctor in attendance stated that the dead child exhibited all the symptoms attending a case of delirium tremens.

Says Telephones Hurt Travel.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 29.—President S. R. Callaway of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad says: "For some time railroad men have been trying to find the reason why, in spite of the fact that business is increasing especially in the transportation of freight, the passenger business is languishing. After figuring on the matter for some time we have come to the conclusion that the long distance telephone is responsible. Business men are using it more and more, and the way it is cutting into our passenger business is a very serious matter to us."

Where Is the Hilton Trophy?

ATLANTA, Dec. 29.—The Hilton trophy, which the Georgia rifle team won at Sea Girt last summer, has not arrived here. General Harris, commander of the District of Columbia militia, who then held it, declares that the trophy was shipped ten days ago and that the express company has delayed it. The company says it never received it.

Killed by a Yawn.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Charles Held has died from the results of a yawn. He arose from a chair, yawned and then sank to the floor bleeding. Bystanders hurried him to his home, and doctors were summoned; but, in spite of their efforts, Held died last night. He had ruptured some blood vessels.

Death of a Physician.

TURNERS FALLS, Mass., Dec. 29.—Dr. E. C. Coy, aged 65, died this morning after a short illness. He had practiced medicine here for the past 35 years and was a member of the Massachusetts Medical and Medico-Legal societies. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

Killed by His Son's Engine.

ST. HYACINTHE, Que., Dec. 29.—Antoine Goyette, aged 55, was run over and instantly killed at Richmond. A strange coincidence in connection with the affair is that the engineer of the engine that ran over the unfortunate man was Goyette's son.

WHAT SHE WANTED.



He—Gracious! Miss Gertrude, I'm sorry you've hurt your hand. Shall I run and get some cold cream?

She—Ah—no—ah—ice cream will do.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Quaint Scotch Wedding Custom.

A quaint wedding custom still prevails in many of the little country towns and mining villages in Scotland. When a wedding is held, the contracting parties make their guests pay in full for the eating, drinking and dancing facilities which are usually provided on such occasions. The practice still seems to survive even in Glasgow. This week a correspondent observed a notice posted up in the Cowcaddens—a low-class Glasgow thoroughfare—informing the public that a soldier would shortly enter into the bonds of wedlock, and that two pence would be charged for admission to the ceremony, and an additional six pence imposed for attendance at the wedding feast. The practice seems to be peculiarly Scotch, but sixpence certainly seems moderate enough for a marriage supper.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montromery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wellkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Hanford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square
21—Rung before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.
1 stroke denotes circuit broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured In Three Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint, her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried the Mystic Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

For Over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. If disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child, suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth, send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhoea, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. d&w

Beauty Is Blood Deep.

Clean blood means a clean skin. No beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathartic clean your blood and keep it clean, by stirring up the lazy liver and driving all impurities from the body. Begin today to banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads, and that sickly bilious complexion by taking Cascarets. - beauty for ten cents. All druggists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

DOVER, N. H., Oct. 31, 1896.

MESSRS. ELY BROS.:—The Balm reached me safely and in so short a time the effect is surprising. My son says the first application gave decided relief. I have a shelf filled with "*Catarrh Cures.*" To-morrow the stove shall receive them and Ely's Cream Balm will reign supreme. Respectfully,

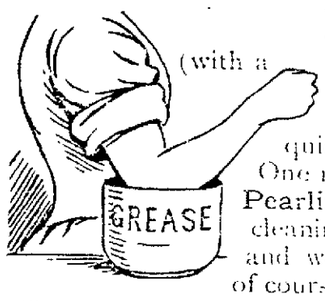
MRS. FRANKLIN FREEMAN.

Cream Balm is kept by all druggists. Full size 50 cents. Trial size 10 cents. We mail it.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says, "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. W. D. Olney.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. W. D. Olney.



Elbow-grease

(with a little soap) used to be the thing to clean house with. Now-a-days it's Pearline. Pearline is easier and quicker and better than elbow grease. One reason why millions of women prefer Pearline, rather than anything else, in cleaning house, is that it saves the paint and woodwork. But the principal reason, of course, is that it saves so much work. 548

Beware Peddlers and some unscrupulous grocers will tell you, "this is as good as" or "the same as Pearline." IT'S FALSE—Pearline is never peddled; if your grocer sends you an imitation, be honest—*send it back.* JAMES PYLE, New York.

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Our stock is new, complete and ready for inspection With a very little money your wants can be satisfied. Besides our Christmas stock, we have our usual large stock of Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry and Silverware. Old gold bought and taken in exchange Eyes examined and lenses fitted free for all glasses purchased before X-mas.

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This is a Rubber Boot for a Little Boy Wearing Sizes 7 to 10 1-2, That Has Long Legs,

coming above the knee, with a strap to buckle around the leg. I have been asked for them often in the past but never had them before I also have them for larger boys and men at the one price shoe store of

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Renowned for quality, it is clear, to do good work is his ide A

Admirable workmanship, skill and care, he shows at prices just and fai R

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WERE ALL CRIPPLED

"Biff's" Tale of the Humor and the Pathos of a street scene

Walking through James street, to-day, I noticed something which at first sight looked very funny to me. Coming up the street was a horse and wagon. The horse ambled along at a snail's pace on three legs. The wagon, in which were three persons, was an old and dilapidated vehicle that had the appearance of having been out ever since the unloading of the ark. It groaned and squeaked as it made its way to Pepo where the other one was stalled and was sliding along like a sleigh runner) towards its destination, which proved to be the Russell House.

The occupants of this queer craft were a stout old lady, aged and crippled, who was assisted in getting out of the wagon by a few bystanders and two canes which she held with her. A young man of perhaps twenty with a crutch and a boy about twelve years of age who, like his mother, leaned on a cane for support. It took the trio only ten minutes to unload themselves and to climb the steps leading to the door over which was the sign "Boy Phenomenon."

Looking at the funny side of this spectacle, I thought the whole outfit should have gone in for treatment, and that it was an injustice to leave the crippled horse and spavined wagon on the outside, as they also needed before treatment. It seemed as if the disease was hereditary and had descended to horse and wagon as well as to the woman and her children.

On the surface all this seemed, as I have said, very funny, but there was another and touching side to the incident. The afflictions of the crippled family undoubtedly stood for years of suffering and misery that ordinary medical science had proved itself powerless to cure or permanently relieve. Across their lives, apparently foredoomed to pain and helplessness till death afforded relief, had come a ray of hope that the "Boy Phenomenon" might heal with the magic of his touch, and so they had come to put their faith in him to the test. That their hopes of a cure might be realized was the earnest wish of all who saw them.

BIFF.

THE MONBASHA MICA MINE.

To Be Worked to Its Full Capacity by a Newark Company.

The company which proposes to work the mica mine near Monbasha Lake, in the town of Monroe, is composed of Newark capitalists. The company has a lease of the mine for ten years with an option of another term. When the mine was first opened the prices of mica were so low that it was not profitable to operate it, but prices have now advanced until sheet mica is worth from seventy-five cents to $4 a pound and scrap mica from $5 to $25 a ton.

What They Call a "Trolley Accident" in Port Jervis.

A ten-year-old Port Jervis boy was hit on the forehead, Tuesday, by a heavy stick of timber which was loosened by the breaking of a chain while a section of the electric railroad's canal bridge was being drawn up a steep hill. The *Gazette* refers to the mishap as "a trolley accident."

Goshen's Champagne Cider Factory.

Meinhold & Heineman are having plans and specifications prepared for two buildings 30x180 feet and 30x100 feet, which they will erect for their champagne cider business on the lot which they have purchased in Goshen along the Pine Island tracks. The firm will close out its business in Ellenville where it has carried on a successful trade for many years.

Burglars Busy in Newburgh.

Burglars continue their operations in Newburgh. The last place visited was Robert Miller's market, at Clark and Renwick streets, which was entered early Saturday morning and robbed of a quantity of provisions. The thieves were frightened away by a family occupying apartments over the market.

Knows "Billy" Williams and Will Be Here.

Don Sutton, who says he is "king of the ropes," stopped off here a few hours, Tuesday, to see "Billy" Williams. He said that he would be here to take part in the benefit at the Casino Jan. 7th. The Mandolin Club has agreed to appear on that occasion.

W. C. T. U. New Year's Supper and Entertainment.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will hold a supper and entertainment New Year's eve, at their rooms, 131 North street. Edwin E. McInnes will furnish selections in speaking and singing through the grapaphone. All are cordially invited. Entertainment and supper 20 cents. 3t

New Agents at Erie Stations.

F. N. Thebald has been appointed agent at Cochecton, vice M. McDermott, resigned. The latter is now the proprietor of the Knapp House at Cochecton.

F. N. Maguire has been appointed agent at Glen Eyre.

Farmer's Leg Broken.

Will McLaughlin, a farmer living near Washingtonville, had his leg badly hurt a few days ago by a log rolling on it.

Medical men say rheumatism is the forerunner of heart disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures rheumatism by its action on the blood.

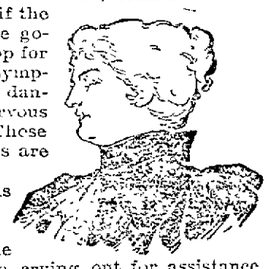
No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, $1. All druggists

THE TURN OF LIFE

Is the most important period in a woman's existence. Owing to modern methods of living, not one woman in a thousand approaches this perfectly natural change without experiencing a train of very annoying and sometimes painful symptoms.

Those dreadful hot flashes, sending the blood surging to the heart until it seems ready to burst, and the faint feeling that follows, sometimes with chills, as if the heart were going to stop for good, are symptoms of a dangerous nervous trouble. These hot flashes are just so many calls from nature for help. The nerves are crying out for assistance. The cry should be heeded in time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was prepared to meet the needs of woman's system at this trying period of her life.



The Vegetable Compound is an invigorating strengthener of the female organism. It builds up the weakened nervous system and enables a woman to pass that grand change triumphantly.

It does not seem necessary for us to prove the honesty of our statements, but it is a pleasure to publish such grateful words as the following:

"I have been using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for some time during the change of life and it has been a saviour of life unto me. I can cheerfully recommend your medicine to all women, and I know it will give permanent relief. I would be glad to relate my experience to any sufferer."—Mrs. DELLA WATSON, 534 West 5th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

EXCELSIOR'S SOCIAL.

Second of the Series Was Managed by the Older Members.

Excelsior's social, Tuesday night, the second of the series, was certain to be a success the instant the committee was announced. The members were O. S. Fellows, Frank O. Tompkins, T. A. Weller, James B. Carson, Philip Whitlock, Walter Startup, Arthur Gordon and Charles A. Adams.

Fully 125 people were present at the Assembly Rooms, and they thoroughly enjoyed the cards, dancing and refreshments. The favors at cards were awarded to Mrs. George T. Bryant and George W. Young.

Berg's orchestra furnished the music.

Advertised Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the Middletown postoffice for the week ending Dec. 27th:

LADIES

Bernemet Miss Jennie — Sharpe Mrs. Sarah
Carey Mrs. Ella T — Vondergrenzt, Henrietta
Darrow, Mrs. Fredrick — Zuhlke Miss A
Hulse Mrs. Grace M — Caie Allison J.
Phillips, Miss A. M

GENTLEMEN.

Gen. John (Assluna) — Miller, James (Silk Mill)
McKinnon, Geo. J. — Wing, Frank L.

C. L. ELWOOD, P. M.

Funeral of Mrs. Edwin McWilliams.

Private funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. W. A. Robinson at 2 o'clock this afternoon, over the remains of Mrs. Edwin McWilliams, at her home, No. 23 John street. Burial was in Hillside the bearers being Undertaker Rockafellow's staff of porters.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured.

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was perscribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular perscription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York

FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Splendid Table Raisins, Florida Oranges, Tangarines Boned Turkey, Boned Chicken, Plain and Assorted Nuts, Assorted Candy, Confectionery Chocolate, Powdered and Confectionery Sugar, Queen Olives, Capers, Preserved Ginger Chips, Extra Nice Sweet Potatoes, Snow White Onions, Baldwin and Greening Apples, Plum Pudding, Potato Chips, Yacht Club Salad Dressing, Fancy Print Butter, etc.

CITY GROCERS.

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56 North St., Opp. Postoffice.

TELEPHONE CALL 55.

FOR SALE—Three sets good hand made Bob Sleighs, also Portland Sleighs.
L. C. TERWILLIGER, Corner Mohagen avenue and West Main street. 31d1t

ROSE SMITH TAKEN TO HUDSON

Pleaded Guilty to the Charges Made Against Her.

From the Port Jervis Union.

Rose Smith, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Geo. Smith of this place, who lived for a time with a negro at Middletown, was arraigned before Police Magistrate Joseph McCormick, Friday afternoon, charged by her father with the most shameless depravity.

Without a blush this young girl sat before the court and with a cynical smile on her lips listened to the rehearsal of her association with negroes, her depraved tastes, her addiction to strong drink and many other revolting things.

After the recital of the girl's life Judge McCormick explained to her that a plea of guilty would send her to the reformatory at Hudson for fallen women for an indefinite period. Upon hearing this the girl said: "I'm guilty, and I don't care how long I have to stay. I'd just as soon spend a few years there as not."

Judge McCormick then committed her to the reformatory. The girl has rather a pleasing face and is quite intelligent and it was a frightful spectacle to witness the callousness with which she accepted the terrible fate.

A Good Word for Boss Dayton.

From the Liberty Register.

Byron S. Dayton, of Middletown, is a candidate for the office of post master in that city. He has a strong Republican following, and we would be glad to see him receive the appointment. He is a bright business man and is fully deserving of the office.

Its Worst Form.

"My daughter has been troubled with catarrh since she was four years old. She had the disease in its worst form and took medicines with no permanent relief. She finally began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills and after a while the disagreeable symptoms entirely disappeared." M. W. SILSBY, Hartland, N. Y.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver tonic. Gentle, reliable, sure

NEW TO-DAY.

GRAIN, FEED, HAY—Large stock, low prices. 51Wed,Sat1 VANFLEET'S New Feed Store.

ASSIGNEE'S Sale of Uncollected Book Accounts of the late firm of M. E. Beebe will be held on Monday, Jan. 10th 1898 at 10 o'clock a. m. at the offices of Merrill & Burke, 57 North street.
GEO. F. CORWIN, Assignee
EDWIN S. MERRILL Attorney for Assignee

HOLIDAY SALE—We will sell all our Felt, Chenille and Velvet Hats at a discount of 25 to 50 per cent. Also great reductions on birds, plumes, Aigrettes and fancy feathers. This is to reduce our stock and induce you to buy your hats here for Christmas gifts. See our stamped linens and embroidery silks. Ribbons sold cheap for fancy work.
50d&wtf MRS. BUSH, 144 North street

SLEIGHS FOR SALE.

Pair nice light pleasure Bob Sleighs, complete with two seats cushions, poles and shafts. Address or call upon
WALTER H. ANDERSON,
Wurtsboro, N. Y.

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Hector Savage, late of the town of Mount Hope, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, at his residence, in the village of Sufferns, town of Ramapo Rockland county, New York, on or before the first day of July, 1898.
Dated Dec 30th 2nd, 1897.
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10 Cts a Pound Best Cream Cheese

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THE Drs Smith's "Honest John" Truss!

Will retain a rupture when other trusses fail. Comfortable to wear. No pressure on the back. Truss will remain in place regardless of position of the body. Call and examine.

J. Erskine Mills,

Druggist, North St.

"There is Blood on the Moon."

Watch It a Few Days and See.

On and After Jan. 1st, 1898, the Office of the Advertising Journal Co.

(Periodical Tickets) will be moved from its present location, 44-46 North St., to the

Large Furniture and House Furnishing Store of France & Hathaway, 25-27 East Main Street,

where you can use Periodical Tickets for cash trade and leave orders for

MERCHANDISE, PERIODICALS, MAGAZINES, TROLLEY BOOKS, ETC.

At Christmas Time Over $200 Worth of Merchandise Orders on Merchants in This City, Were Given Out. Did You Get Any? If Not, Why Not?

23 MIDDLETOWN MERCHANTS ACCEPT PERIODICAL TICKETS

and Honor Our Merchandise Orders.

What More Do You Want for ~~NOTHING?~~

WE WISH ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Commencing Monday, January 3d, 1898,

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3,042 Pieces of Muslin Underwear!

AT THE

Lowest Prices Ever Made by Any Firm in Middletown.

The Goods Were Bought Months Ago

of manufacturers who wanted the business to keep their help busy during their dull season.

It is All Made by Skilled Hands,

AND IN MANY CASES

WILL BE SOLD FOR LESS THAN YOU CAN BUY THE MATERIAL AT RETAIL,

NOT COUNTING THE MAKING.

No Woman Who Cares to Save Money Should Miss This Great Sale.

It will pay you to borrow the money rather than miss this chance of getting your share of the goods at the prices they will be marked at.

Prices and full particulars next week.

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